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CEASE OF OPERATIONS – STATUS AS BASIS OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR MAJOR EQUIPMENT AND SELF SUSTAINMENT

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1. ISSUE PAPER THEME: Major Equipment & Self-sustainment

2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS HISTORY

The COE Manual does not currently state how the serviceability status of COE is to be used for calculating reimbursement following the issuance of a cease of operations (CoO) order to a contingent. This presents a grey area in how the Secretariat is to approach reimbursement of unserviceable equipment and self-sustainment categories following CoO. To address this gap, the Secretariat proposes additional language to determine that reimbursement of major equipment and self-sustainment during the CoO period will be based on the serviceability status reported prior to the CoO date.

The proposal has not previously been considered by the Contingent-Owned Working Group.

3. DETAILED PROPOSAL

The Secretariat proposes additional language under Chapter 2, para 26. Reimbursement during withdrawal, Chapter 4, para 14 - 15. Cessation of operations, and in the model Memorandum of Understanding template for military and police units in Chapter 9 (Article 6).

Note: The following underlined text was omitted from the 2023 COE Manual due to an editing error, and has been reincorporated here via technical edit: Chapter 2, Para 26: Reimbursement for major equipment will be reduced to 50 per cent of the rates agreed in the memorandum of understanding and will cease once equipment departs the mission area or 90 days after the date of cessation of operations or the termination of the mission (whichever happens earlier), except in those instances deemed to be outside the control of the troop/police contributor, as determined by the United Nations.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The aim of this proposal is to accurately apply the reimbursement policy.

5. PROPOSED 2026 COE MANUAL TEXT

To implement this proposal, the following changes to the COE Manual main body and model Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) template are recommended:

Proposed additional text (in bold) to para 26, Chapter 2, Section X. Reimbursement during withdrawal, p. 11 (the underlined text below is re-instated text as per the note indicated in Section 3 of this IP)

26. Reimbursement for self-sustainment will be in effect at full rates until the date of cessation of operations by a troop/police contributor or termination of the mission. Thereafter, the following categories will be reimbursed at 100 per cent and calculated upon the remaining actual deployed personnel strengths until all contingent personnel have departed the mission area:¹⁸

- General/catering
- Communications/telephone
- General/laundry
- General/accommodation
- Medical/high-risk (epidemiological)
- Miscellaneous general stores/bedding
- Miscellaneous general stores/furniture

After the cessation of operations, reimbursement for other categories will be reduced to 50 per cent of the rates agreed in the memorandum of understanding calculated upon the remaining actual deployed troop strengths until all contingent personnel have departed the mission area. Reimbursement for major equipment will be reduced to 50 per cent of the rates agreed in the memorandum of understanding and will cease once equipment departs the mission area or 90 days after the date of cessation of operations or the termination of the mission (whichever happens earlier), except in those instances deemed to be outside the control of the troop/police contributor, as determined by the United Nations. **Reimbursement for both major equipment and self-sustainment following unit cease of operations will be based on serviceability.** When the United Nations negotiates a contract for the repatriation of equipment and the carrier transporting such equipment exceeds a 14-day grace period after the expected arrival date in the home country, the troop/police contributor will be reimbursed by the United Nations at the dry lease rate from the expected arrival date until the actual arrival date.¹⁹ Reimbursement during withdrawal is covered in greater detail in chapter 4.

Proposed additional text, in bold, for para 14 Cessation of operations, Chapter 4, Section IV. Deployment and repatriation of equipment, p. 143:

14. Cessation of operations: Reimbursement for major equipment will be in effect at full rates until the date of cessation of operations by a troop/police contributor or termination of the mission.¹⁰ Thereafter, reimbursement will be reduced to 50 per cent of the rates agreed in the memorandum of understanding and will cease once equipment departs the mission area or 90 days after the date of cessation of operations or the termination of the mission (whichever happens earlier), except in those instances deemed to be outside the control of the troop/police contributor, as determined by the United Nations. **Reimbursement for major equipment following unit cease of operations will be based on serviceability.**

Proposed additional text, in bold, for para 15, Chapter 4, Section IV. Deployment and repatriation of equipment, p. 143-144:

15. Reimbursement for self-sustainment will be in effect at full rates until the date of cessation of operations by a troop/police contributor or termination of the mission. Thereafter, the following categories will be reimbursed at 100 per cent and calculated upon the remaining actual deployed personnel strengths until all contingent personnel have departed the mission area:¹⁰

- General/catering
- Communications/telephone
- General/laundry
- General/accommodation
- Medical/high risk (epidemiological)
- Miscellaneous general stores/bedding
- Miscellaneous general stores/furniture

After the cessation of operations, reimbursement for other categories will be reduced to 50 per cent of the rates agreed in the memorandum of understanding calculated upon the remaining actual deployed personnel strengths until all contingent personnel have departed the mission area. **Reimbursement for self-sustainment categories following unit cease of operations will be based on its satisfactorily meeting the standards.**

These changes must also be replicated in the model Memorandum of Understanding template for military units in Chapter 9, Article 6 Reimbursement and support from the United Nations, paras 6.5 and 6.6, p. 207-208, proposed additional text, in bold.

6.5 Reimbursement for major equipment will be in effect at full rates until the date of cessation of operations by a troop contributor or termination of the mission. Thereafter, reimbursement will be reduced to 50 per cent of the rates agreed in the memorandum of understanding and will cease once equipment departs the mission area or 90 days after the date of cessation of operations or the termination of the mission (whichever happens earlier), except in those instances deemed to be outside the control of the troop/police contributor, as determined by the United Nations. **Reimbursement for major equipment following unit cease of operations will be based on serviceability.**

6.6 Reimbursement for self-sustainment will be in effect at full rates until the date of cessation of operations by a troop contributor or termination of the mission. Thereafter, the following categories will be reimbursed at 100 per cent and calculated upon the remaining actual deployed troop strengths until all contingent personnel have departed the mission area:

- General/catering
- Communications/telephone
- General/laundry
- General/accommodation
- Medical/high-risk (epidemiological)
- Miscellaneous general stores/bedding
- Miscellaneous general stores/furniture

After the cessation of operations, reimbursement for other categories will be reduced to 50 per cent of the rates agreed in this memorandum of understanding calculated upon the remaining actual deployed troop strengths until all troop personnel have departed the mission area. **Reimbursement for self-sustainment categories following unit cease of operations will be based on its satisfactorily meeting the standards.**

These edits shall also be replicated in the model Memorandum of Understanding template for police units in Chapter 9, Article 6 Reimbursement and support from the United Nations, paras 6.5 and 6.6, pg. 248/281, proposed additional text, in bold.

6.5 Reimbursement for major equipment will be in effect at full rates until the date of cessation of operations by a troop contributor or the termination of the mission. Thereafter, reimbursement will be reduced to 50 per cent of the rates agreed in the memorandum of understanding and will cease once equipment departs the mission area or 90 days after the date of cessation of operations or the termination of the mission (whichever happens earlier), except in those instances deemed to be outside the control of the troop/police contributor, as determined by the United Nations. **Reimbursement for major equipment following unit cease of operations will be based on serviceability.**

6.6 Reimbursement for self-sustainment will be in effect at full rates until the date of cessation of operations by a police contributor or termination of the mission. Thereafter, the following categories will be reimbursed at 100 per cent and calculated upon the remaining actual deployed troop strengths until all contingent personnel have departed the mission area:

- General/catering
- Communications/telephone
- General/laundry

- General/accommodation
- Medical/high-risk (epidemiological)
- Miscellaneous general stores/bedding
- Miscellaneous general stores/furniture

After the cessation of operations, reimbursement for other categories will be reduced to 50 per cent of the rates agreed in this memorandum of understanding calculated upon the remaining actual deployed police strengths until all police personnel have departed the mission area. **Reimbursement for self-sustainment categories following unit cease of operations will be based on its satisfactorily meeting the standards.**