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POLICY CLARIFICATION ON THE REQUIREMENT OF ACCEPTABLE SHELF LIFE FOR DEPLOYING MAJOR EQUIPMENT AND INCLUSION OF REFURBISHMENT POLICY IN COE MANUAL

1. ISSUE PAPER THEME

Major Equipment

2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS HISTORY

TCC/ PCCs are required to procure and maintain high value major equipment such as APCs, LAVs, MRAP and other armoured vehicles in accordance with the SUR/ MOU frameworks for UN peacekeeping Operations. However, such equipment often does not align with the operational requirements of TCCs'/ PCCs' national defence forces and is procured solely to meet UN deployment criteria. This results in significant financial commitments. In many cases, this equipment is acquired primarily to maintain RDL readiness, without guaranteed deployment in the near future. The waiting period often extends for several years, and in many instances, the equipment surpasses its viable shelf life.

Despite these substantial investments, equipment is often rejected at the time of approval of CLL if it is deemed to have exceeded the half shelf life. This practice, though commonly implemented, is not clearly defined in the COE Manual, resulting in policy ambiguity and a lack of predictability for contributing countries.

3. DETAILED PROPOSAL

Introduce a clearly defined and standardized shelf life policy for major equipment within the COE Manual to ensure consistent application and predictability for all TCCs/PCCs.

Recognize the refurbishment of major equipment as an acceptable method of extending operational life. Refurbishment efforts carried out by Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) or certified companies should be permitted.

UNHQ may publish a clear framework for refurbishment, including:

- Certification requirements
- Criteria for acceptable vendors and
- Documentation necessary for UN acceptance during the COE verification process

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this proposal.

5. PROPOSED 2026 COE MANUAL TEXT

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The absence of a clearly defined shelf-life policy and the lack of recognition for refurbishment efforts place an undue financial and operational burden on TCCs/PCCs. Addressing these gaps through formal policy inclusion in the COE Manual will enhance transparency, predictability, and sustainability in peacekeeping contributions.

Bangladesh recommends that the COE Working Group urgently consider the inclusion of:

- A clear, standardized policy on acceptable shelf life for major equipment.
- Provisions for the recognition and acceptance of certified refurbished equipment.

These measures will foster confidence among TCCs/PCCs and promote more efficient, and cost-effective participation in UN Peacekeeping Operations.