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REIMBURSEMENT OF RIOT CONTROL EQUIPMENT AS MAJOR EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE UNITS

1. ISSUE PAPER THEME

Major Equipment

2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS HISTORY

United Nations FPU are defined as specialized, cohesive, armed mobile police units, providing security support to united nations operations by protecting civilians; supporting as well as undertaking police operations that require a formed response; and ensuring the safety and security of united nations personnel and assets. FPU may perform these tasks within the limits of their operational and logistical capabilities, areas of deployment and relevant UN policies.

Support for police operations that require a formed response may include public order management, intervention, and tactical progression. Such activities often occur in unfamiliar and hostile environments where the security situation can easily deteriorate, hence FPU must be proficient in public order management, weapons handling and shooting, as well as specific police tactics and techniques required for peacekeeping in accordance with international policing and human rights standards.

The protection of United Nations personnel and property shall include the protection of convoys, relocation or evacuation of staff and intervention where necessary for the protection of staff and in accordance with FPU capabilities. FPU may be involved in providing protection to military personnel (military observer team sites) or military units, particularly enabling units, which may have a limited capability to deal with the types of incidents to which FPU might typically respond.

Public order management (POM) tasks, including crowd and riot control, can be performed within any of the above core functions of FPU. The main focus of POM is to facilitate the population's exercise of fundamental rights without disturbance or unjustified hindrance while preventing grave harm to public safety. using force only when necessary and to the extent required for the performance of legitimate police functions and always adhering to the principle of proportionality.

However, the increasing use of the riot control by the FPU as a core task **(PD to mention number of riot control activities conducted by deployed FPU in 2024/2025 in comparison to Military Unit with riot control tasks)**, FPU do not get any reimbursement for the riot control personal equipment since it is not part of major equipment, while Military units got reimbursement for the same equipment as major equipment while not practically using it.

This leads also to the absence of quality control mechanisms by COE teams in the field missions and reduce the capabilities of FPU to carry out their core functions.

3. DETAILED PROPOSAL

In this regard, it is considered necessary to introduce the modification to the COE manual to revise the police kit in Chapter 9 Appendix to Annex A of memorandum of understanding for formed police units (pages 247-248) with the list at annex A of this issue paper. The required riot control equipment would be included in Annex B of the MOU of police units.

These five items currently in the Individual police kit are as follows:

1. Baton
2. Helmet with visor

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3. Shield (Plastic, transparent)
4. Gas mask (2 filters included)
5. Legs/arms/shoulder protection

The reimbursement rates for the proposed items to be taken out from the police kit and included in Annex B of the respective MOU have been already established in the COE Manual 2020 under Chapter 8, Annex A, for Major Equipment / Riot Control equipment category contributed by Military Contingents. The proposal is to apply the same principle and standards to the category of Riot Control Equipment contributed by Police Contributing Countries.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Currently there are 28 FPU's in 3 peace operations with 12 sections per unit, formulating 336 sections of 10s **(to be checked by PD – the exact numbers of FPU's with riot control tasks):**

431 X 1199\$ = 402,864\$ per month

5. PROPOSED 2026 COE MANUAL TEXT

A. To remove the specification related to riot control equipment mentioned in Chapter 8, annex A, p. 196, remove the text with a strikethrough, as follows:

Riot control equipment, Personnel equipment (~~applicable only to military contingents with riot control tasks~~)

B. To remove footnote m to annex A, Chapter 8, p. 196 and 201, delete text with a strikethrough, as follows:

~~“m – Applicable only to military contingents with riot control tasks in accordance with A/C.5/68/22, para. 105.”~~

C. to remove Personal riot items from the Individual kit for members of the Formed Police Unit in Chapter 9, Appendix, p. 258-259, remove the text with a strikethrough, as follows:

Personal riot items:-

- ~~Riot control gloves~~ _____ ~~1 pair~~
- ~~Helmet with visor~~ _____ ~~1~~
- ~~Shield (plastic, transparent)~~ _____ ~~1~~
- ~~Gas mask (2 filters included)~~ _____ ~~1~~
- ~~Legs/arms/shoulder protection~~ _____ ~~1 set~~