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PREVENTIVE BIOMEDICAL MAINTENANCE

1. ISSUE PAPER THEME

Medical

2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS HISTORY

Areas wherein troops are being deployed may be characterised by extreme climatic conditions and a relative rusticity. In such a context, medical equipment is exposed to premature wear and tear that may be mitigated by technical maintenance. In that sense, biomedical maintenance relates to periodic visits aimed at reducing the risks of breakdown and maintaining over time the equipment performance at its initial level, with a view to ensuring an optimal and safe use according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

The objective of this proposal is to ensure the biomedical equipment is maintained in operational condition.

3. DETAILED PROPOSAL

The COE Manual might be amended as follows:

- Chapter 3, annex C, paragraph 'Performance standards', after point 11, p. 83:

Addition of a paragraph on biomedical maintenance:

'All the medical equipment used within medical support facilities must be subject to at least a preventive biomedical maintenance that complies with the manufacturer's recommendations. The issuance of a technical intervention report allows to prove its integrity and nominal functioning.'

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This proposal does not imply further costs for the UN. Preventive maintenance is included in the reimbursement rate applied to medical equipment.

5. PROPOSED 2026 COE MANUAL TEXT

Cf. §3 supra?