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INTERNET WI-FI

1. ISSUE PAPER THEME

Self-Sustainment

2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS HISTORY

a. A wireless Internet service allows MALBATT 850 to connect to a server at designated hot spots (access points) using a wireless connection such as Wi-Fi. This ISP offers Broadband service and allows subscriber computers, called stations, to access the Internet and the Web from anywhere within the zone of coverage provided by the server antenna. At present, MALBATT 850 operates at much larger Area Operation (AO) at Sector West. As a result, MALBATT 850 has troops placed at 4 main locations or camps including UNP 2-1 (Marakah Camp), UNP 6-43 (Tibnine Camp), UNP 6-40 (Harris Camp) and EP 00. All these areas need to have internet-Wi-Fi service to allow for information dissemination and enhanced connectivity with the globe. This will also allow for the MALBATT Commander to initiate Video Conferencing as a method of conveying unrestricted information to all the sectors under his purview and with Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ) as and when required.

b. At present, the rate of reimbursement is 6 USD per head (COE Manual Chapter 8 Annex B). Nevertheless, the Malaysian Government is paying 12 USD per head to fulfill the operational needs.

3. DETAILED PROPOSAL

a. Currently, the internet access reimbursement rate is USD 6 per soldier or USD 5,124 (854 personnel) under the Misc General Stores category.

b. MALBATT 850 monthly commitment is USD 10,248 since 2024.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. PROPOSED 2026 COE MANUAL TEXT

Revise Chapter 8, Annex B as indicated below:

Request to increase the reimbursement of Internet access from USD 6 per soldier (COE Manual Chapter 8 Annex B) to USD 12 per soldier.