

KINGDOM OF MOROCCO

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REDUCING TO 5 INSTEAD OF 7 YEARS, THE DURATION NECESSARY FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF MAJOR EQUIPMENT DUE TO NON-OPERABILITY IN THE MISSION AREA

1. ISSUE PAPER THEME

Major Equipment

2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS HISTORY

Major equipment deployed in UN Field Peace Operations are expected to remain in the mission area for the whole period, taking into consideration their serviceability and their operational responsiveness. In some cases, this equipment can be considered for rotation at UN expense under some conditions if they are not operable in the mission area due to some mission's factors, such as operational tempo, climate and roads conditions, but not because of negligence or lack of maintenance from the part of the P/TCC.

BACKGROUND:

According to Chapter 4, Paragraph 25, (p.145) of the 2023 COE Manual, some specific categories of major equipment are eligible for rotation at United Nations expense as a result of non-operability in the mission area, and as per the provisions of the aforementioned manual these types of equipment should respond to certain conditions; namely, must have been continuously deployed in peace keeping operations for at least 7 years or 50 per cent of its estimated useful life, whichever comes earlier. Rotation will be considered when the amount of equipment proposed for rotation represents 10 per cent or more of the amount of equipment proposed in at least one eligible category.

3. DETAILED PROPOSAL

Taking into consideration that most of UN field missions are implemented in complex environments which highly affect the serviceability of equipment and reduce their estimated useful lifetime, it is proposed to amend Chapter 4, Paragraph 25 (p.145) of the 2023 COE Manual as follows:

25. To be eligible for consideration, equipment must have been continuously deployed in peacekeeping operations for at least (~~seven years~~) **five years** or 50 percent of its estimated useful life, whichever comes earlier. Rotation will be considered when the amount of equipment proposed for rotation represents (~~10 %~~) **at least 05 %** percent ~~or more~~ of the amount of equipment in at least one eligible category. Equipment to be rotated at United Nations expense shall be treated by the United Nations as if it were contingent owned equipment being repatriated at the end of the unit's deployment to a mission area. Replacement equipment shall be treated as if it were equipment being deployed under the contingent's initial deployment to a mission area. In exceptional circumstances, such as higher-risk missions, the (~~seven years~~) **five years** requirement **will** be reduced to (~~five~~) **four years** for equipment that is unserviceable due to operational tempo, environmental conditions, extreme climate, location, mileage, hours of usage, trafficability or nonnegotiable terrain, to be determined and recommended by the mission leadership and decided by the Secretariat. The rotation at United Nations expense will not include equipment that is not serviceable due to lack of maintenance.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. PROPOSED 2026 COE MANUAL TEXT

Refer to paragraph 3. DETAILED PROPOSAL of this IP.