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INITIAL DEPLOYMENT (NOT FOR INDUCTION BEING UNDERTAKEN UNDER LETTER OF ASSIST) OF THE EQUIPMENT AND EXCEPTIONAL DELAYS ENCOUNTERED IN THE MOVEMENT OF COE BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE TROOP/POLICE CONTRIBUTOR

1. ISSUE PAPER THEME

Major Equipment, Self-Sustainment, Medical and Other

2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS HISTORY

According to the COE manual issued in 2023, the UN assumes responsibility for both the deployment and repatriation of major and minor equipment owned by TCC/PCCs. Additionally, the UN oversees all mission movement control operations, which includes securing necessary permissions and authorizations from host country authorities.

In instances where a carrier contracted by the UN exceeds the anticipated arrival date, thus the peacekeepers in mission faces difficulty fulfilling the operational duties mentioned in MOU. In addition, TCC/ PCC doesn't receive any reimbursement for its valuable assets. Accordingly, the troop or police contributor may negotiate for reimbursement by the UN at the dry lease rate from the expected arrival date until the actual arrival date on a case-by-case basis. Consequently, TCC/ PCCs are required to coordinate and submit specific claims, which can be a time-intensive process.

3. DETAILED PROPOSAL

Para. 16 of Chapter IV "Deployment and redeployment of equipment" of the COE Manual 2023 mentioned that: **"When the United Nations is responsible for carrying out the initial deployment (not for induction being undertaken under letter of assist) of the equipment, and exceptional delays are encountered in the movement of contingent-owned equipment beyond the control of the troop/police contributor, the troop/police contributor may negotiate reimbursement at the dry lease rate on a case-by-case basis with the United Nations."**

To compensate the TCC/ PCC for delays in transporting their unit's equipment to the mission area, reimbursement should be provided at the dry lease rate for delays that are beyond the control of the TCC/ PCC.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. PROPOSED 2026 COE MANUAL TEXT

A modification could take place for paragraph 16 of Chapter IV "Deployment and redeployment of equipment" p. 144, as following:

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“When the United Nations is responsible for carrying out the initial deployment (not for induction being undertaken under letter of assist) of the equipment, and exceptional delays are encountered in the movement of contingent-owned equipment beyond the control of the troop/police contributor, ~~the troop/police contributor may negotiate~~ **the United Nations will reimburse troop/police contributor from the expected arrival date till it reaches the deployment area reimbursement at the dry lease rate on a case-by-case basis with the United Nations.**”