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RECLASSIFICATION AND REIMBURSEMENT REVISION FOR HIGH MOBILITY LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLES (HMLTV)

1. ISSUE PAPER THEME

Major Equipment

2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS HISTORY

High Mobility Light Tactical Vehicles (HMLTVs), such as Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected (MRAP) vehicles and up-armored patrol vehicles, are used by Troop-Contributing Countries (TCCs) in high-threat environments to fulfill combat and combat support roles. These vehicles are crucial for tactical mobility, convoy protection, and rapid response. Chapter 3 of the COE Manual aligns with this operational use, recognizing HMLTVs within combat-related functions.

However, Chapter 8, Annex A classifies HMLTVs under "Support Vehicles – Military Pattern," assigning a reimbursement rate that does not accurately reflect their tactical role, exposure to risk, or maintenance intensity. This discrepancy undervalues the operational cost to TCCs and results in inconsistent treatment between policy intent and financial reimbursement. (The issue stems from the operational-financial mismatch between Chapters 3 and 8, leading to under-compensation for vehicles used in high-threat missions.

3. DETAILED PROPOSAL

High Mobility Light Tactical Vehicles (HMLTVs) are tactically designed for high-threat peacekeeping environments and serve in front-line operations. Their current reimbursement classification does not correspond to their actual use or technical standards. These vehicles typically undergo more intensive wear and incur higher operating and replacement costs than general support vehicles.

To address this gap and ensure more accurate financial support for TCCs, the following proposals are made:

- Reclassify HMLTVs under a new subcategory titled "Combat Support Vehicles" in Chapter 8, Annex A, separate from Support Vehicles – Military Pattern.
- Adjust the reimbursement rate for HMLTVs to reflect:
 - Their high mobility and technical specifications
 - Deployment in high-risk and tactical environment
 - Elevated maintenance and readiness requirements

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed reclassification and reimbursement revision would result in a modest financial adjustment, limited to a specific group of vehicles verified to serve in combat support or rapid deployment roles. These vehicles incur higher acquisition, maintenance, and operational costs, and aligning reimbursement rates accordingly ensures fair cost recovery.

The financial impact is expected to be manageable, as the reclassification would apply only to vehicles explicitly declared and verified under this new subcategory. This change would encourage the deployment of appropriate tactical equipment, which enhances mission readiness and performance.

5. PROPOSED 2026 COE MANUAL TEXT

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Proposed Manual Text – 2026 COE Manual (Chapter 8, Annex A):

Combat Support Vehicles (new subcategory):

This category covers vehicles deployed in direct tactical and operational support roles in high-threat environments.

These vehicles, although not categorized under heavy combat platforms, are frequently employed in frontline convoy protection, quick reaction operations, and rapid deployment scenarios. Due to their enhanced protection features, mobility, and exposure to elevated operational risk, they are reimbursed at a rate distinct from standard support vehicles.

Reimbursement shall apply to HMLTVs verified under this category, subject to operational role confirmation and inclusion in the verified major equipment inventory.