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DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDIZED REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR AMMUNITION DEPLOYED BY TROOPS AND POLICE CONTRIBUTORS IN UNITED NATIONS FIELD MISSIONS

1. ISSUE PAPER THEME

Other / Crosscutting

2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS HISTORY

The COE manual defines ammunition as a consumable. Troop and Police Contributing Countries are however eligible for reimbursement when the ammunition is operationally expended for UN peacekeeping operations, when the ammunition deployed becomes unserviceable while in the mission area, or when expended on training. T/PCCs submit the claims to UNHQ for reimbursement which becomes a lengthy and cumbersome process as the prices for the same type of ammunition differ significantly. In addition, complicated and lengthy procedures to obtain rates from the manufacturer coupled with absence of rates of old vintage ammunition due to changes of costs over time, limits T/PCCs ability to forward the claims in a timely manner, causing further delays in reimbursements.

While each country costs for ammunition differs depending on the individual country circumstances, many natures of ammunition have similar costs, particularly the high usage common ammunition such as small arms. Accordingly, standardized ammunition reimbursement rates can be established in the COE Manual for timely processing of the claims. This issue paper proposes establishment of standardized rates of common ammunition natures that would represent a fair reimbursement value and significantly reduce reimbursement timeframes.

3. DETAILED PROPOSAL

It is proposed to introduce standardized rates for commonly utilized ammunition items by the T/PCCs where sufficient data is available (keeping in view the outcome/ recommendations of a conclusive study being undertaken by Nepal, in order to establish standardized ammunition rates) to determine standardized rates. This will facilitate timely submission of claims of ammunition reimbursements by T/PCCs as well as timely disbursement of reimbursement amount by United Nations Secretariat. It will help UN for management of data used across the organization for greater consistency and accuracy in analysis. Standardized rates of ammunition will also address the issue of changes of ammunition prices over time. The existing methodology of reimbursement of ammunition may continue for those types of ammunition, for which standardized rates will not be proposed/ finalized by the COE Working Group 2026.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The reimbursement rates for the ammunition types for which COE working groups approves rates, will be applied across all T/PCC reimbursement submission and because they are averaged out, the financial implications are estimated to be minimal. This will however, increase efficiency and timeliness of reimbursements, facilitating T/PCCs in timely obtaining reimbursements from the United Nations.

5. PROPOSED 2026 COE MANUAL TEXT

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If the COE WG approves the recommended standardized rates of ammunition for reimbursement purpose, the United Nations secretariat is requested to include/ adjust the approved standardized rates in the COE Manual at an appropriate place as an appendix with reference in the main body of COE manual in Chapter 3 Annex A.