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PROPOSAL FOR RECATEGORIZATION OF MINE-RESISTANT AMBUSH-PROTECTED (MRAP) VEHICLE

1. ISSUE PAPER THEME

Major Equipment

2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS HISTORY

The COE manual 2023 mentioned requirements for MRAP Vehicles in Chapter 3, Annex A, Appendix 2, Paragraph 6 (Page 44), but does not describe the technical details/ specifications based on durability and weaponry in category and type of equipment in Chapter 8, Annex A

Currently there are many types and technical specification of MRAP Vehicles produced based on mine resistance, personnel carrying capacity, and weaponry system for defense. The categorization in Chapter 8, Annex A does not reflect the technical specifications mentioned in Chapter 3, Annex A, Appendix 2, Paragraph 6.

3. DETAILED PROPOSAL

Based on Chapter 3, Annex A, Appendix 2, Paragraph 6 (Page 44):

“A mine-resistance ambush-protect vehicle is a military-pattern wheeled vehicle that provides protection against mines and explosive devices by specific design characteristics to mitigate the effects of an explosive blast. These are typically identified as a V-shaped hull and/or enhanced undercarriage protection that can withstand the effects of a minimum 6 kg ant-tank landmine. The mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicle is used to carry an infantry team of a minimum four persons. The mine-resistant ambush-protect vehicle can be wither unarmed or armed with cannon and/or machine gun with an appropriate caliber as recommended in the statement of unit requirement. The mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicle can also be used for engineering tasks and/or explosive ordnance disposal in mined environments.”

Based on Chapter 8, Annex A Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protect vehicle is a sub-category in Armoured Personnel Carrier, wheeled whereas they should be a separate category basing on their utility.

Categorization of Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected vehicles is required in order to induct appropriate equipment to mission vis-à-vis fair reimbursement to contributing countries. Pakistan proposes to add categories clause for Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected Vehicle, based on resistance, capacity & weaponry.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Existing reimbursement rates in COE Manual may be revised to include the category of MRAP suggested in the issue paper.

5. PROPOSED 2026 COE MANUAL TEXT

Chapter 3, Annex A, Appendix 2, Paragraph 6 (Page 44)

Addition of following text is proposed. **“Based on mine resistance, personnel carrying capacity, and weaponry system for defense; Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected Vehicle are divided into five Categories**

- a. Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protect Vehicle; Light**
- b. Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protect Vehicle; Heavy**
- c. Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protect Vehicle; Ambulance**
- d. Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protect Vehicle; Recovery**
- e. Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protect Vehicle; Command Post”**

Chapter 3, Annex A, Appendix 9: Breakdown of Proposed Capabilities and Corresponding Points Allocated (Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protect Vehicle) is required to be added.

Insertion of Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected Vehicle as new category of equipment in the Chapter 8, Annex A, Page 186 to include categories of Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected Vehicle.