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INCLUSION OF LANDING CRAFT UTILITY (LCU) IN MOU OF BANGLADESH FORCE MARINE UNIT AS SPECIAL CASE - UNMISS

1. ISSUE PAPER THEME

Major Equipment (Special Case)

2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS HISTORY

SUMMARY: Bangladesh Force Marine Unit (BANFMU), consisting of 200 personnel with twelve (12) Light Patrol Craft (LPC), has been deployed in UNMISS (South Sudan) since 2015. To increase the operational capability of the currently deployed BANFMU, a new Statement of Unit Requirement (SUR) has been received (UNHQ DPO/OMA-2024-02694 dated 03 October 2024- Note Verbale) and includes a proposal to reinforce the unit with a Landing Craft Utility (LCU) as an additional capability of BANFMU. As per the new SUR, the Government of Bangladesh will send an LCU as major equipment in UNMISS by March 2026.

The waterway is critical for the UNMISS, as UN peacekeepers TCC stationed at Mangalla port, Central Equatoria, supply essential rations, fuel and equipment to Malakal, Upper Nile. This logistic operation is called Operation Lifeline and it's a lifeline for the mission because BANFMU carries all major logistic goods to areas where road networks are almost negligible. This enables our peacekeepers to fulfill their protection duties more efficiently and effectively.

BACKGROUND: Since the initial deployment, BANFMU has supported the missions in South Sudan by transporting the logistics from Mongalla to Malakal. In South Sudan, UN peacekeepers travel 1,000 kilometers by water, passing through more than 42 checkpoints while transporting essential supplies that allow the UNMISS presence in Malakal to sustain itself for over three months. However, the dangers of the water are not the only challenges faced by the seven rotations of the Peacekeepers. They have been serving in some of the country's most difficult conditions, sleeping in tents above fuel containers, an arrangement that imposed strict safety restrictions. For the past nine years, BANFMU lacked dedicated accommodation, forcing them to stay in regular tents over fuel barges, with millions of fuels directly beneath them. From a safety perspective, strict limitations were in place; they couldn't charge mobile phones, turn on electricity, or use air conditioning.

The contributions of this small Marine Unit to UNMISS are invaluable. In an environment where movement is limited, weather conditions are harsh and infrastructure is lacking, they efficiently complete supply runs within 12 to 15 days. This approach is both cost-effective and time-saving. As UN peacekeeping missions increasingly emphasize swift, adaptable, and effective responses to protect civilians and foster peace, TCC in UNMISS stands as an outstanding example. The inclusion of an LCU would offer much-needed relief to these dedicated Blue Helmets as they continue their vital work.

3. DETAILED PROPOSAL

Consequently, we propose:

Based on the SUR, the LCU will be included in UNMISS by March 2026. Therefore, 1 X LCU may be included in the COE manual as a special case. The financial details of the LCU are described below:

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GFMV	\$ 33,29,166.00

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Estimated Useful Life	15 years
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Dry Lease Rate = \$ 18495.00

				Mission factor (percentage)						
	Dry lease rate (I)	Maintenance rate (II)	Wet lease rate (III)	Env. (IV)	Log. (V)	Hos. (VI)	Inc. (VII)	Calculated monthly rate (with factor)	Quantity	Total monthly reimbursement
Vessel: Landing Craft Utility (LCU)	\$ 18,495.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 33,495.00	3.1	2.8	5	2.25	\$ 37,899.59	01	\$ 37,899.59

Note:

- a. The contributing Member State may allow the dry lease rate for the Landing Craft Utility (LCU) to be applicable from the date the vessel is declared ready for deployment from the home port, following its final inspection and certification of operational readiness for UNMISS.
- b. However, the wet lease rate will be claimed upon the vessel's arrival in South Sudan and commencement of operational duties under UNMISS.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. PROPOSED 2026 COE MANUAL TEXT