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PROVISION OF OBSERVATION AND POSITIONING EQUIPMENT SCALE IN THE COE MANUAL

1. ISSUE PAPER THEME

Self-Sustainment

2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS HISTORY

Observation and positioning are capabilities that enable the unit deployed in the mission area to carry out observation tasks both in daytime and at night, and to determine the exact geographical location of positions or items within the Area of Operation. These capabilities are achieved through the deployment and proper use of equipment such as Binoculars, night vision goggles (NVG), Global Positioning System (GPS) and Laser Range Finders (LRF), which are reimbursed under self-sustainment in the COE System.

The identified issue is that, in most cases, during the COE inspections in the theatre, the above equipment items are counted differently as meeting or not meeting the MOU requirements based on the individual judgment of inspectors rather than rational consideration. For example, one inspector may qualify this category in one quarter based on the number of devices held by the unit, and the other disqualifies the same category in the next inspection, yet the number of devices held is the same. This tends to cause uncertainties and unnecessary losses in the reimbursement of this category.

BACKGROUND:

According to the current COE manual, categories of Observation and Positioning, under self-sustainment in the COE System, encompass the general observation, night observation and positioning, which entail the deployment of Binoculars, night vision, LRF and GPS devices. The reimbursement for the observation must be based on meeting operational requirements. However, experience has shown that there are always inconsistencies in determining whether the unit qualifies or does not qualify for this particular category during inspections, and this is based on the inspector's assessment or judgment.

3. DETAILED PROPOSAL

In a bid to avoid the above inconsistencies and irregularities during COE inspections and subsequent reimbursement losses, Rwanda suggests that the COE manual be updated to include the equipment scales of the three sub – categories of Observation and positioning. The scale of Binoculars, night vision devices, GPS and LRF to be determined in the ratio of personnel depending on the operational requirements. Example: 01 x Binocular to 12 Personnel; 01 x NVG to 50 Personnel, 01 x GPS or LRF to 50 Personnel, etc.

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4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. PROPOSED 2026 COE MANUAL TEXT

Refer to paragraph 3. DETAILED PROPOSAL of this IP.