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DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT DURING HASTY MISSION WITHDRAWAL

1. ISSUE PAPER THEME

Major Equipment - Compensation Claim for Disposed Major Equipment

2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS HISTORY

Summary:

In situations involving hasty withdrawals, Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) and Police Contributing Countries (PCCs) are often requested to dispose of major equipment that remains in serviceable condition, due to various operational and logistical considerations. However, such disposals are currently not classified as force abandonment, thereby rendering TCCs and PCCs ineligible to submit claims for reimbursement. In light of the financial and operational impact of these circumstances, it is proposed that consideration be given to allowing TCCs and PCCs to claim reimbursement for serviceable equipment disposed of under such conditions.

Background:

During deployments, all Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) and Police Contributing Countries (PCCs) are expected to deploy with the full complement of Contingent-Owned Equipment (COE) and self-sustainment resources, in accordance with the standards outlined in the COE Manual. This requirement necessitates a significant financial commitment from the contributing countries. Accordingly, TCCs and PCCs are entitled to recover these expenditures through the established reimbursement mechanisms. In situations involving hasty withdrawals, Troop Contributing Countries (TCCs) and Police Contributing Countries (PCCs) are often requested to dispose of major equipment that remains in serviceable condition, due to various operational and logistical considerations. Although such disposals may appear to be driven primarily by logistical considerations, it is important to recognize that these logistical constraints often stem from underlying tactical imperatives. Under the current policy, TCCs and PCCs are not entitled to submit claims for equipment disposed of in these circumstances, as they do not fall under the definition of force abandonment.

3. DETAILED PROPOSAL

Suggestion:

In light of the financial burden and the operational realities faced by contingents, it is respectfully requested that the current policy be reconsidered to allow for cost recovery claims for serviceable equipment disposed of under such exceptional circumstances.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. PROPOSED 2026 COE MANUAL TEXT