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DEFINING “CEASE OF OPERATIONS”

1. ISSUE PAPER THEME

Major Equipment, Crosscutting

2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS HISTORY

The COE Manual does not currently provide clear definitions of “cessation of operations” and “termination of the mission” in the context of reimbursement for major equipment. Given the recent drawdowns and closures of peacekeeping missions, having clear definitions is critical to ensure appropriate reimbursements.

3. DETAILED PROPOSAL

Additional language to define “cessation of operations” and “termination of the mission” to clarify that termination of the mission can be initiated by the Secretariat, the mission, or the TCC/PCC and that the 90-day reimbursement rule begins the day cessation of operations is declared. Further, “cessation of operations” should apply if a unit is determined to be non-operational due to safety concerns.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

To be determined by the Secretariat.

5. PROPOSED 2026 COE MANUAL TEXT

Chapter 2, paragraph 26, reimbursement during withdrawal (page 11) proposed replacement. Add the text in bold and remove the text in bold with a strikethrough.:

26. Reimbursement for self-sustainment will be in effect at full rates until the date of cessation ~~of~~ operations **is declared** by a troop/police contributor, **or the mission, or the Secretariat** or termination of the mission. **If a unit is determined to be non-operational due to safety concerns, it will immediately cease operations.** Thereafter the following categories will be reimbursed at 100 percent and calculated upon the remaining actual deployed personnel strengths until all contingent personnel have departed the mission area:

- General / Catering
- Communication / Telephone
- General / Laundry
- General / Accommodation
- Medical / High Risk (Epidemiological)
- Miscellaneous General Stores / Bedding
- Miscellaneous General Stores / Furniture

After the cessation of operations, reimbursement for other categories will be reduced to 50 percent of the rates agreed in the memorandum of understanding calculated upon the remaining actual deployed troop strengths until all contingent personnel have departed the mission area. When the United Nations negotiates a contract for the repatriation of equipment and the carrier transporting such equipment exceeds a 14-day grace period after the expected arrival date in the home country, the troop/police contributor will be reimbursed by the United Nations at the dry lease rate from the expected arrival date until the actual arrival date. Reimbursement during withdrawal is covered in greater detail in chapter 4.

Chapter 4, Section IV, paragraphs 14-15, cessation of operations (page 143) proposed replacement. Add the text in bold:

14. Cessation of Operations: **The termination of a mission and cessation of operations can be initiated**

by the Secretariat, the mission, or the TCC/PCC. If a unit is determined to be non-operational due to safety concerns, it will immediately cease operations. Reimbursement for major equipment will be in effect at full rates until the date of cessation of operations by a troop/police contributor or termination of the mission. Thereafter, reimbursement will be reduced to 50 percent of the rates agreed in the memorandum of understanding and will cease once equipment departs the mission area or 90 days after the date of cessation of operations or the termination of the mission **is declared** (whichever happens earlier), except in those instances deemed to be outside the control of the troop/police contributor, as determined by the United Nations.

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Chapter 8, Section III, paragraph 18, self-sustainment (page 181) proposed replacement. Add the text in bold.

18. Upon mission drawdown, a plan is to be developed to coordinate the timely departure of troop/police contingents and equipment following the cessation of operations and termination of a mission. Personnel reimbursements will continue at full rates until departure, in accordance with the drawdown plan. Reimbursement for self-sustainment will be in effect at full rates until the date cessation of operations **is declared** by a troop/police contributor, **the mission, or the Secretariat** or termination of the mission. **If a unit is determined to be non-operational due to safety concerns, it will immediately cease operations.** Thereafter the following categories will be reimbursed at 100 percent and calculated upon the remaining actual deployed troop strengths until all contingent personnel have departed the mission area:

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The above mentioned edits shall also be replicated in the model Memorandum of Understanding template for military units in Chapter 9 (Article 6, Reimbursement and support from the United Nations, page 207-208)

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