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NON-REIMBURSEMENT FOR NON-OPERATIONAL UNITS

1. ISSUE PAPER THEME

Crosscutting

2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS HISTORY

The COE manual does not address reimbursement for major equipment supporting assets provided to the UN through a mechanism other than a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Specifically, the manual does not address cases in which a uniformed unit is unable to conduct operations for many reasons including the non-availability of an asset provided through a mechanism other than an MOU, or if the asset(s) cannot be used if they do not meet safety requirements/ other standards.

3. DETAILED PROPOSAL

It is proposed to not reimburse major equipment that is brought into a mission to support assets provided via a mechanism other than the MOU in cases that a uniformed unit is declared non-operational either by the mission, UN Headquarters (UNHQ), or the T/PCC themselves.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Requests secretariat to provide financial implications

5. PROPOSED 2026 COE MANUAL TEXT

Chapter 2, section V (page 7), proposed replacement for paragraph 10. Add the text in bold and remove the text with a strike through:

10. Troop/police contributors are reimbursed for major equipment and self-sustainment as per rates adopted by the General Assembly. For major equipment, troop/police contributors are reimbursed under either a wet lease or a dry lease arrangement. Reimbursement is limited to those items of serviceable major equipment (including associated minor equipment and consumables) specifically agreed to by the United Nations. Should a unit provide less major equipment or fewer self-sustainment categories than stipulated in the memorandum of understanding, the troop/police contributor will be reimbursed only for major equipment or self-sustainment categories provided. The rates for major equipment are presented in chapter 8, annex A, and the rates for self-sustainment are presented in chapter 8, annex B. **Rates of reimbursement for special case equipment will be negotiated separately between the troop/police contributor and the United Nations, as indicated in chapter 5.** Major equipment for cases in which the major equipment supports an asset provided through a mechanism other than an MOU and for which a uniformed unit is declared non-operational, except when it is beyond the control of the Troop and Police Contributing Countries and agreed to by the United Nations, is not reimbursable. Major equipment which supports an asset provided through a mechanism other than an MOU and for which a uniformed unit is declared non-operational, will be deemed non-functional.

COE Manual, Chapter 2, Annex A, Definitions, p. 12-16. Add the text in bold.

Non-Operational Unit: A unit is considered non-operational if it is unable to conduct operations due to 1) unavailability of the asset that is provided through a mechanism other than a MOU for which Major Equipment is supporting, 2) failure to meet safety or other UN standards as agreed between the T/PCC and the United Nations, 3) not conducting mandated tasks except where inability to operate is due to circumstances beyond the unit's control as agreed by the United Nations. A unit can be

declared non-operational by UNHQ, the mission, or the T/PCC.