

## SECRETARIAT

# ROTATION OF COE AT UN EXPENSE – EXPANSION OF CRITERIA

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## 1. ISSUE PAPER THEME: Major Equipment & Self-sustainment

## 2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS HISTORY

The 2023 COE Manual currently states that only equipment from the following categories are eligible to be considered for rotation at UN expense (if/where also meeting other eligibility criteria): aircraft/airfield support equipment, all types of vehicles, material handling equipment, logistical equipment, electrical equipment, communications equipment and engineering equipment. This list excludes a number of categories with significant operational impact on the safety and security of peacekeepers, including medical equipment, demining, and EOD equipment, communications equipment (etc.). To allow missions greater flexibility in responding to operational gaps, the Secretariat proposes to expand the eligibility criteria to include all equipment categories, noting that final approval for rotation at UN expense must continue to be prioritized in accordance with operational requirements, and remains dependent on funding availability.

The proposal has not previously been considered by the Contingent-Owned Equipment Working Group.

## 3. DETAILED PROPOSAL

The Secretariat recommends the addition of new language and amendment of existing text under Chapter 4, Part VI. Rotation of equipment and in the Model MOU at Chapter 9 (Section IV Transportation) in order to reflect adjustment to the criteria for consideration of rotation of COE at UN expense.

## 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Approval of rotations at UN expense remains dependent on mission prioritization and agreement to fund the rotation within the existing financial cap and budget processes. As such, there is no additional financial impact from this proposal.

## 5. PROPOSED 2026 COE MANUAL TEXT

In order to implement these changes, the following changes to the COE Manual main body and model Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) template are recommended:

Revise Chapter 4, Section VI. Rotation of equipment, paragraphs 24, pg. 145, add the text in bold and remove the text with a strikethrough.

24. ~~Certain categories of~~ Major equipment under prolonged deployment to peace operations that are non-operable, or for which continued maintenance is not economical in the mission area, can be considered for rotation under the arrangement of the United Nations or under the letter of assist, at United Nations expense, at the discretion of a mission contingent-owned equipment/memorandum of

understanding management review board, in consultation with the applicable contingent commander, on the basis of operational requirements within the mission. **All categories of major equipment will be eligible for consideration; with approval remaining dependent on operational priorities and funding availability. ~~These categories are as follows: aircraft/airfield support equipment, all types of vehicles, material handling equipment, logistical equipment, electrical equipment, communications equipment and engineering equipment.~~**

Revise the model Memorandum of understanding template for military contingents and formed police units in Chapter 9, Annex B, Section IV. Transportation, paragraph 14, pg. 222 add the text in bold and remove the text with a strikethrough.

14. Costs related to the rotation of equipment to meet national operational or maintenance requirements will remain ineligible for reimbursement by the United Nations. **Certain categories of Major equipment** under prolonged deployment to peace operations that are non-operable, or for which continued maintenance is not economical in the mission area, can be considered for rotation by the United Nations or under the letter of assist, at United Nations expense, at the discretion of a mission contingent-owned equipment/memorandum of understanding management review board, in consultation with the applicable contingent commander, on the basis of operational requirements within the mission. **All categories of major equipment will be eligible for consideration; with approval remaining dependent on operational priorities and funding availability. ~~These categories are as follows: aircraft/airfield support equipment, all types of vehicles, material handling equipment, logistical equipment, electrical equipment, communications equipment and engineering equipment.~~**