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TECHNICAL UPDATES TO THE COE MANUAL

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1. ISSUE PAPER THEME: Other / Cross-cutting

2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS HISTORY

After the formal publishing of the COE manual following the tri-annual COE Working Group, Uniform Capabilities Support Division monitor and record any unintended anomalies that are identified during the intervening period between COE Working Groups. These anomalies often occur due to transcription errors when drafting the new COE Manual. This paper seeks to identify those errors and recommend amendments to improve future iterations of the COE Manual.

It is routine that technical amendments are submitted to the COE Working Group to refine and improve the language of the COE Manual.

3. DETAILED PROPOSAL

The following technical amendments have been identified in the 2023 COE manual for inclusion in the 2026 COE Manual (struck out text to be deleted; text in bold to be added):

- Chapter 3, page 26, para 13 to be revised as follows:

Inspections are conducted on a quarterly basis to assess the status of the major equipment and self- sustainment categories. An inspection report, i.e. a quarterly verification report, is prepared by the United Nations inspection team after each inspection of a unit. The report describes the result of the inspection. ~~The report~~ It is examined together with the unit and signed by the contingent representative. If a unit has to fully or partially redeploy within a mission area, the next quarterly inspection in the new location will be carried out on a date to be jointly determined by the mission and the unit authorities. The quarterly verification reports are the basis for processing reimbursement for major equipment and self-sustainment to the Member States.

- Chapter 3, page 26, para 15 to be revised as follows:

Operational readiness inspections must be conducted at least once every six months on dates to be determined in advance (feasible for all stakeholders). Wherever feasible, the mission is requested to consult the contingent or unit when scheduling the operational readiness inspections and take into account ongoing operations or relocations as ordered by the Force Commander **or the Police Commissioner**. In cases where the inspection is scheduled during a period that the contingent or unit is conducting an operation ordered by the Force Commander **or the Police Commissioner**, or during the relocation of the unit as ordered by the Force Commander **or the Police Commissioner**, the contingent or unit may request the Inspection Team to reschedule the inspection with the approval of the **Force Commander or the Police Commissioner** to a date not to exceed 30 days.

- Chapter 3, Annex A, page 31, para 11 to be revised as follows:

Generators introduced in 2017 based on the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 8528 standard, which are detailed in appendix 3 to the present annex, supplement, rather than replace, the existing categories of generators. Troop/police contributors may opt to continue to deploy generators under the previous arrangements. A troop/police contributor may, at its own convenience and subject to its own priorities, shift to the new contingent owned equipment energy transition plan, which is not binding but is incentive-based. If it chooses to be reimbursed at the new rates for prime power, limited time running power or emergency standby power, the troop/police contributor must adhere to the auditable site energy plan. The energy transition plan is not predicated on new types/capabilities of generators. Rather, it is focused on a methodology for using existing generators in a more efficient and environmentally friendly manner.¹¹ At a minimum, all generators must be fitted with ~~a functional~~ **a functional** hour meter, and all generator sets must be fitted with a functional kWh meter.

- Chapter 3, Annex B page 66, para 38 to be revised as follows to correct a reference to a wrong Annex and paragraph:

An environmental enhancement supplement of an additional 5 per cent of the reimbursement rate to the troop/police contributor will be added if the provided tentage is shown to have additional features included which are designed to improve the heating and cooling effectiveness and efficiency of the facility in accordance with the standards defined in paragraphs ~~20 and 23 of chapter 3, annex A~~ **33 and 45 of chapter 3, annex B**.

- Chapter 5, page 153, para 2 to be revised as follows to further clarify Secretariat offices involved in the revision of Special Cases:

When the United Nations requests a troop/police contributor to provide equipment of a specialized nature or function for which reimbursement rates have not been authorized, the troop/police contributor will be requested to complete the application form in the annex to the present chapter and submit it to the Uniformed Capabilities Support for review and approval. The Uniformed Capabilities Support Division will, with the assistance of the **applicable stakeholders from Force Generation Service/Police Division and/or technical section/division from the Department of Operational Support**, review the submission by the troop/police contributor and determine an acceptable rate of reimbursement for the equipment requested using the suggested elements outlined in the annex to the present chapter. The Uniformed Capabilities Support Division will advise the troop/police contributor of the acceptable rate of reimbursement.

- Chapter 8, Annex A, Temporary operating base equipment, page 183. For more clarity and consistency, the major equipment descriptions for equipment used in temporary deployments to be revised specifying both the minimum and maximum capacities:

Tents for deployable squad ~~(up to 10 persons)~~ **(8 to 10 persons)**
Tents for deployable platoon ~~(up to 40 persons)~~ **(30 to 40 persons)**

- Chapter 9, page 228 (Model MOU for military contingents, Annex C) reimbursement rates have not been updated from the previous manual.
- Chapter 5, paragraph 2, page 153. The name of the Uniformed Capabilities Support Division is incomplete. To be revised as follows:

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Capabilities Support Division will, with the assistance of the Force Generation Service/Police Division, review the submission by the troop/police contributor and determine an acceptable rate of reimbursement for the equipment requested using the suggested elements outlined in the annex to the present chapter. The Uniformed Capabilities Support Division will advise the troop/police contributor of the acceptable rate of reimbursement.

- Chapter 8, Annex A, page 194, **Logistical Equipment** is mis-named and should be amended to **Logistic Equipment**.
- Chapter 3, Annex C, page 82, para 4 to be amended to correctly reflect appendices:

Level 1 and level 2 medical facilities can be augmented with modules to enhance their capabilities, at which point they are referred to as level 1+ and level 2+ facilities, respectively. The requirements and standards for modules are presented in appendices 5 through ~~44~~ **14** to the present annex.

- Chapter 7, Annex b, page 169, para 9 to be amended to correctly reflect allocation of points for the applicable portions of resupply, under section B. Length of logistics chains:

9. If the battalions or units must haul only part of their resupply, allocate points as set out below:

<i>Percentage of supplies hauled (select the most applicable class)</i>		<i>Points allocated (C)</i>
Small portion (10–29 per cent)	4 4	
Substantial, but less than half (30–49 per cent)	2 3	
Substantial, and more than half (50–69 per cent)	3 2	
Most of the supply (70–100 per cent)	4 1	

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO MODEL MOU

- Chapter 9, Memorandum of Understanding for military contingents, p. 216, Annex A, Section II “Reimbursement” paragraph 2 to be updated to remove the reference to the \$4.90 reimbursement for mandatory predeployment COVID-19 testing. Effective 01 July 2024, all COVID-19 testing reimbursements established by General Assembly Resolution 76/276 of 29 June 2022 ceased. Paragraph is to be revised as follows:

The Government will be reimbursed for contingent personnel at the single rate of reimbursement of \$1,448 per person per month for those common and essential additional costs incurred owing to the deployment of these contingent personnel to United Nations field missions. ~~The Government will also be further temporarily reimbursed through 30 June 2026 at the single rate of reimbursement of \$4.90 per person per month for those common and essential additional costs incurred owing to mandatory predeployment COVID-19 testing, subject to the continued requirement of such testing by the Secretary-General.~~ Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 76/276, these reimbursement rates for contingent personnel will take effect 1 July 2022.

- Chapter 9, Memorandum of Understanding for formed police units, p. 256, Annex A, Section II “Reimbursement” paragraph 2 to be updated to remove the reference to the \$4.90 reimbursement for mandatory predeployment COVID-19 testing. Effective 01 July 2024, all COVID-19 testing reimbursements established by General Assembly Resolution 76/276 of 29 June 2022 ceased. Paragraph is to be revised as follows. Paragraph is to be revised as follows:

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- Chapter 9 Memorandum of Understanding for military contingents, p. 218, Appendix to Annex A, “Soldier’s kit” to be updated in the “Personal safety and security items” section to reflect the levels of protection from small arms for *combat helmet* and *basic flak jacket (fragmentation vest)* to provide consistency with the requirements for the police personnel.

<i>Description of items</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
Personal safety and security items	
Personal weapon	1
Combat helmet (level IIIA)	1
Basic flak jacket (fragmentation vest) (level IV)	1

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

These are largely technical amendments and therefore have no financial implications.

5. PROPOSED 2026 COE MANUAL TEXT

In accordance with the recommendations above.

6. PROPOSED TEXT FOR 2026 COE WORKING GROUP REPORT

The Secretariat is authorized to delete any footnotes in the COE Manual that have become redundant and revise paragraphs’ and references’ numbering based on new additions or deletions recommended by the 2026 COE Working Group

The Secretariat is authorized to further revise the COE Manual to amend/delete effective dates which are no longer valid (e.g. effective date mandatory serviceability of odometers on 1 July 2024, new classification of APCs effective 1 July 2025 etc.)