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T/PCC REAR PARTY RESPONSIBILITIES DURING UNIT REPATRIATION

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1. ISSUE PAPER THEME: Other/Cross cutting

2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS HISTORY

The rapid drawdown and closure of multiple missions in recent years has highlighted a number of gaps and grey policy areas during the unit repatriation phase. One area of concern identified is a lack of clarity in the roles and responsibilities of T/PCC contingents related to the custody and transfer of contingent-owned equipment during unit repatriation. In certain cases, all T/PCC contingent personnel departed from the mission without leaving representatives to oversee the handover of unit COE, and/or left vehicles behind without the required keys and/or the qualified drivers to move and operate specialist vehicles. This slowed repatriation movements and contributed to inefficiencies in the outbound movements.

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

3. DETAILED PROPOSAL

The COE Manual does not currently articulate or provide reference to the responsibilities of T/PCCs during the unit repatriation process, contributing to confusion over expectations during this activity. It is proposed that language is added to Chapter 4 of the COE Manual to refer T/PCCs to the Movement Control Manual, which outlines the key expectations for the presence of rear parties during mission drawdown/closure.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The reimbursement for contingent members (including rear parties) is budgeted for and taken into account during withdrawal planning. As such, there are no financial implications from this proposal.

5. PROPOSED 2026 COE MANUAL TEXT

The addition of text, in bold, is proposed to para 6, Chapter 4, Section III. Deployment and repatriation of personnel, p. 142/281:

6. Reimbursement for contingent personnel will continue at full rates until departure in accordance with the drawdown plan. **Contingent personnel will be repatriated in accordance with a mission drawdown plan following the issuance of a cease of operations order. All contingents are required to retain a rear party to secure the unit COE until it can be formally handed over to United Nations.**