



ACCOMMODATION AND MINOR ENGINEERING

Sub-Working Group on Self Sustainability

LIST OF ISSUE PAPERS

Rwanda issue paper #1: Review of reimbursement rate for tentage in relation to the shorter usage on the initial deployment

FOCAL POINTS

Rwanda

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

In most cases, during the initial deployment, T/PCCs are requested to provide tentage as temporary accommodation facility to house its personnel and also to avail a workspace such as office, gym, workshop, etc., for an initial period of six months, after which the UN takes over the responsibility and provides long-term accommodation to the unit. When a T/PCC prepares the COE, they acquire all the Major and Self-sustainability equipment according to the COE Manual including the tentage. A new unit is then accommodated in tents while waiting for a long-term structure to be built by the mission in a period not exceeding 6 months. After providing a long-term accommodation, the UN ceases

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to reimburse the T/PCC, and the latter is advised to repatriate its tents to the home country. This involves huge financial losses to the T/PCCs.

BACKGROUND

The COE manual provides the tentage accommodation standards as a requisite for reimbursement, which include flooring, heating and cooling system among others; and constitute additional costs to the T/PCCs. In the instance the UN provides accommodation after six months, one year or so, the deployed accommodation tents and associated equipment (air conditioning) become futile and the T/PCC loses financial reimbursement; since it cannot cover the tentage costs in such a shorter period of time. Rwanda Issue Paper #1 The deployable tents have a life span of 5 years according to the COE Manual but they are reimbursed only for 6 months. The T/PCC will never recover the cost incurred on tentage.

PROPOSED TEXT FOR 2023 COE WORKING GROUP REPORT

The COE Working Group takes note of the need for more data concerning the repatriation of tents deployed with Troop and Police Contributing Countries after allocation of permanent accommodation. The working group recommends that Secretariat conduct a thorough study of the financial implications connected to repatriation versus

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reimbursement and present the study for consideration of the next COE working group in 2026.

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