



BETTER PRIVACY IN LAUNDRY FACILITY

Sub-Working Group on Self-Sustainment

LIST OF ISSUE PAPERS

(SS) IP Gender-responsive improvements to the COE manual #8

FOCAL POINTS

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

Increasing the meaningful participation and number of uniformed women deployed to UN peace operations has been a stated priority of the United Nations since 2000, with UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) and subsequent Resolutions 2242 (2015), 2439 (2018), 2538 (2020). This is also a shared goal of Action for Peacekeeping + (2021), the Secretary-General's System-Wide Gender Parity Strategy (2017) and the Department of Peace Operations' Uniformed Gender Parity Strategy (2019), the latter of which includes recommendations and targets to create more enabling environments within peacekeeping missions. These foundational documents recognize that a crucial component of achieving gender parity and improved representation in peacekeeping requires that mission contexts are responsive and adaptable to the safety and inclusion of women personnel. This effort requires interventions by Member States, peacekeeping missions, and the UN system over cross-cutting issues. Member States have a valuable opportunity to ensure that the Contingent Owned Equipment (COE) Manual better reflects the needs of women personnel in peacekeeping units who, according to the Uniformed Gender Parity Strategy targets, should make up 25% of Staff Officers / Military Observers, 15% of Contingent Troops, 20% of Formed Police Units, and 30% of Individual Police Officers by 2028.

PROPOSED TEXT FOR 2023 COE MANUAL

1. Amend paragraph 31, Chapter 3, annex B, Laundry (page 54/271) as follows:

31. To receive the self-sustainment reimbursement rate for laundry, the unit must:

- (a) Provide laundry services for all military/police and personal clothing services, including dry cleaning of operationally required specialist clothing (if any);
- (b) Ensure that all laundry facilities have hygienic equipment that allows a clean and healthy environment to be maintained.
- (c) Ensure that laundry facilities allow for sufficient privacy, taking into consideration layout, location and the use of the space provided for personnel.**
- (d) Provide all related equipment, maintenance, and supplies.

When a unit is geographically dispersed and the United Nations is able to provide laundry to only a portion of the unit, the troop/police contributor will receive the self-sustainment rate for laundry for those personnel not serviced by the United Nations.

Still under discussion

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