



CATERING

Sub-Working Group on Self-Sustainment

LIST OF ISSUE PAPERS

Italy #1 - Reducing Plastic Pollution: Incentivize the use of Reusable, Compostable or Biodegradable Tableware in the Catering Service.

FOCAL POINTS

Italy

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

There is evidence that plastic pollution is mainly caused by the widespread use of disposable/single use plastic articles. Globally and within the UN system, concerted efforts are ongoing to reduce plastic pollution. As noticed by the Secretariat in a recent survey, nearly every T/PCC is already using reusable instead of single-use plastic tableware in catering service. **To formalize this change of course, an appropriate language could be found to adjust Chapter 3, annex B, under Catering to introduce as a suggestion or recommendation the use of reusable, compostable or biodegradable tableware (dishes, cups and cutlery).**

PROPOSED TEXT FOR 2023 COE MANUAL

Chapter 3, annex B, para 11 (a) under Catering should be emended as following:

“11. To receive the self-sustainment reimbursement rate for catering, the unit must be able to feed its troops with cold and hot meals in a clean and healthy environment. The contingent must:

- (a) *Provide kitchen facilities and equipment, including supplies, consumables, reusable or disposable tableware (dishes, cups, and cutlery), for the camps for which it is responsible, as detailed in the memorandum of understanding. It is strongly recommended that disposable tableware should be made of biodegradable and/or compostable material.*

Tableware in self-sustainment catering:

- i) *Biodegradable Tableware: Any tableware (dishes, cups, and cutlery) made by materials able to decay naturally and in a way that is not harmful for the environment);*
- ii) *Compostable Tableware: Any tableware (dishes, cups, and cutlery) made by materials which can be used as compost when they decay and/or organic materials that can, through the process of decomposition, be turned into nutrient-rich soil or fertilizer.*

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- iii) *Reusable Tableware: Any tableware (dishes, cups, and cutlery) made by materials able to be used again and repeatedly, including reusable hard plastic.*

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