

## THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

# DEPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS DURING THE UNIT TOUR OF DUTY, TO REPLACE REPATRIATED PERSONNEL FOR REASONS OTHER THAN THE END OF MISSION

### 1. ISSUE PAPER THEME

- Major Equipment
- Self-sustainment
- Medical
- Other / cross cutting

### 2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND

United Nations peacekeepers work in difficult and dangerous environments, risking their lives to protect some of the world's most vulnerable people.

According to COE manual 2020 the UN is responsible for the deployment and repatriation (including regular rotations) of contingent personnel authorized in the memorandum of understanding.

In accordance with the previous paragraph, the United Nations shall bear the expenses related to the rotation of units' personnel to the mission and back home after the end of mission.

This responsibility does not include the deployment of individuals to replace repatriated personnel for reasons other than the end of mission. (Ex. death or medical repatriation)

### 3. SUGGESTED DETAILS

The work environment in peacekeeping missions sometimes requires individuals' deployment to substitute repatriated personnel in cases such (deaths, illnesses, family circumstances).

Member States are always keen to deploy alternative individuals to complete the unit's strength. In order to maintain the operational efficiency, which enhance the unit's performance towards the implementation of the mission's mandate.

Para. 4 of Chapter IV “Deployment and redeployment of personnel” of the COE Manual 2020 as following:

“UN is responsible for the deployment and repatriation (including regular rotations) of contingent personnel authorized in the memorandum of understanding.

The paragraph refers to the case of the initial deployment / rotation / repatriation of the unit’s personnel. Without mentioning deployment of individuals to replace repatriated personnel for reasons other than the end of mission.

Hence, United Nations is to bear costs for the initial deployment of individuals, through reservation of airline tickets (similar to the deployment of individual uniformed personnel “MILOB/IPO”), or the United Nations to reimburse the MS for associated cost to the deployment of individuals. (Upon request)

**The proposal aims to amend para 4 of Chapter IV “deployment and redeployment of personnel” to be:**

**“UN is responsible for the deployment and repatriation (including regular rotations) of contingent personnel authorized in the memorandum of understanding. Moreover, UN is responsible for the deployment of individuals to replace repatriated personnel for reasons other than the end of mission”**