



EQUITABLE ACCESS TO RECREATION FACILITIES

Sub-Working Group on Self-Sustainment

LIST OF ISSUE PAPERS

(SS) IP Gender-responsive improvements to the COE manual #9

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 52, Chapter 3, annex B, (page 59/271) Miscellaneous general stores as follows:

52. To receive the self-sustainment reimbursement rate for each of the three subcategories of miscellaneous general stores, a unit must provide:

- (a) Bedding: Bed linen, blankets, mattress covers, pillows and towels. Sleeping bags may be an acceptable substitute for bed linen and blankets. Sufficient quantities must be provided to allow for rotation and cleaning.
- (b) Furniture: Bed, mattress, nightstand, table light and locker for each person, or other appropriate furniture to provide an adequate living space.
- (c) Welfare: Appropriate levels of equipment and amenities across the welfare spectrum for both men and women, to include entertainment, fitness, sports, games, and communications, must be provided in quantities appropriate to the number of personnel at their respective locations in the mission area **and equal access to amenities to both men and women is to be provided**. Verification as to whether appropriate standards have been provided will be based on the welfare arrangements agreed between the troop/police contributors and the United Nations, detailed in annex C, appendix 2, of the memorandum of understanding.

Still under discussion

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