

## **KINGDOM OF MOROCCO**

# **OPERATIONAL AMMUNITIONS REIMBURSEMENT (PROCEDURE)**

### **1. ISSUE PAPER THEME:** Major Equipment

### **2. SUMMARY**

The nature of current missions' conflictual environments and the variety of assigned tasks requires the recurrent use of operational ammunitions, especially during crisis situations and when engaging with armed groups. Therefore, this type of ammunition is normally subject to reimbursement by the mission. Nevertheless, the reimbursement process does require a very complicated procedure involving even the government of the Contributing Country. A thing that delays the aforementioned procedure because of the complexity of requests and applications that have to be done beside the signature of stakeholders at many levels. Consequently, this complexity hinders most of the time any willingness to establish requests for reimbursement.

### **3. BACKGROUND**

According to the following paragraphs of the COE manual 2020:

- Chapter 3, Annex A, Paragraph 30 (p. 36/271)
- Chapter 10, Paragraphs 34, 42 and 51 respectively of pages (268, 269 and 271)

Operational ammunitions and those used for training exercises which go beyond accepted United Nations readiness standards and are authorized by the Force Commander, are normally subject to reimbursement by the UN upon the submission of a completed government application and an operational ammunition clearance issued by the Mission authorities.

### **4. DETAILED PROPOSAL**

Given that the Contingent Commander is considered as the Senior National Representative (SNR) of his country to the UN mission and he is the signatory party of the Verification Report (VR) which initiate the reimbursement of the Contingent Owned Equipment COE every quarter, and regarding that the use of operational ammunition is an internal matter of the Mission, and so as to facilitate the established procedure of operational ammunition reimbursement, it is highly proposed to amend Chapter 3, Annex A, and Paragraph 30 (p. 36/271) of the 2020 COE Manual as follows :

“Additionally, the United Nations will reimburse ammunition and explosives expended on training beyond accepted United Nations readiness standards authorized and directed by the Force Commander/Police Commissioner, but not for other training or exercises within accepted United Nations readiness standards. For the latter, ammunition is considered a consumable covered under either the wet lease rates or reimbursement for contingent personnel (as part of clothing, gear and personal weaponry). Operational ammunition will be reimbursed upon presentation of a claim ~~(by the Government)~~ **by the Senior National Representative, as well as** an operational ammunition expenditure certificate from the mission”.

**And/or to consider it in the ongoing study of ammunition claim process, conducted by the secretariat in implementation of the 2020 COE WG recommendations.**