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The Secretariat of the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to its Note Verbales dated 10 June 2021 and 6 June 2022 on the Contingent-Owned Equipment (COE) Working Group, which will be convened, pursuant to General Assembly Resolutions 54/19B and 62/252, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 to 27 January 2023, to conduct the triennial review of the current reimbursement rates for COE and to consider issue papers related to policies, procedures, and technical standards of the COE reimbursement system.

As recommended by the 2020 COE Working Group in its report A/74/689 and approved by the General Assembly resolution 74/279, the 2023 COE Working Group will convene an organisational pre-session meeting to elect its Bureau and to adopt the agenda for the January 2023 meeting. This organisational pre-session meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 17 November 2022 at the United Nations Headquarters.

The Secretariat also requests the Member States to commence preparation to travel their delegates for the COE Working Group scheduled from 16 – 27 January 2023 in New York. The Working Group will be divided into three (3) sub working groups and it is recommended that your delegation is composed of participants of each sub working group of your interest.

To support the triennial review by the COE Working Group, the Secretariat requested, in its Note Verbale of 10 June 2021, that Member States provide national cost data, as well as issue papers, on major equipment, self-sustainment, and medical support services associated with military and police contingents contributed to United Nations peacekeeping operations. The Secretariat received national cost data submissions and issue papers from 34 and 18 Member States respectively. The Secretariat has also prepared a number of issue papers across major equipment, self-sustainment, and medical issues for the consideration of the 2023 Working Group.

Member State submissions of issue papers as well as the Secretariat issue papers are now available at the following website dedicated to the Working Group:

<https://operationalsupport.un.org/en/2023-contingent-owned-equipment-working-group>

For any questions, Member States are encouraged to contact the Secretariat through the following dedicated email address: COEWG2023@un.org.

The Secretariat of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to express its appreciation to the Member States for their continued support to the peacekeeping operations, and to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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