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SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

After the formal publishing of the COE manual following the tri-annual COE Working Group, Uniform Capabilities Support Division monitor and record any unintended anomalies that are identified during the intervening period between COE Working Groups. These anomalies often occur due to transcription errors when drafting the new COE Manual. This paper seeks to identify those errors and recommend amendments to improve future iterations of the COE Manual.

The following technical amendments have been identified in the 2020 COE Manual for inclusion into the 2023 COE Manual:

PROPOSED TEXT FOR 2023 COE WORKING GROUP REPORT

1. Following acceptance of a number of amendments to the 2020 COE manual, new paragraphs are routinely added by inserting the suffix “bis” rather than renumbering all paragraphs subsequent to the newly inserted paragraph. This has occurred on the following pages: 9, 12, 35, 36, 39, 46, 56, 74, 129, 146, 147, 170, 197, 201, 213, 237, 241, 263, 266. Due to the increasing number of amendments being accepted, it is recommended that, during the next review of the COE Manual, the Manual’s paragraphs are renumbered sequentially rather than rely on the use of “bis”.

PROPOSED TEXT FOR 2023 COE MANUAL

2. Chapter 3, Annex C, Appendix 5.1, paragraph K “Miscellaneous”, sub-paragraph i, and ii, incorrectly assigns footnote “a” and should be amended to assign the correct footnote of “d” which relates to medical waste.



3. Chapter 3, Annex C, Appendix 6.1, paragraph K “Miscellaneous”, sub-paragraph i, incorrectly uses footnote ‘c’ and should be amended to the correct footnote of “d” which relates to medical waste.

4. Chapter 3, Annex C, Appendix 17: amend paragraphs as follows:

Paragraph 6:

Malaria is endemic in most tropical countries, particularly in Africa, South America and South Asia, with 400 million individuals infected and 1.5 million dying from the disease each year. It is one of the major diseases affecting peacekeepers and an important cause of morbidity and mortality. This indicates a general lack of awareness of the disease among peacekeepers, as well as inadequate or incorrect use of environmental and personal protection. Prevention of malaria is further hampered by delays in diagnosis by doctors unfamiliar with the disease, the development of anopheles mosquitoes resistant to standard insecticides and resistant strains of plasmodia. ~~To date, no effective vA~~ vaccine against this organism has been **developed that is currently recommended for use in children below ages of 5 years in countries with moderate to high malaria transmission.** Steps that should be taken to control the disease include:

Add new sub-paragraph 9.(f):

Availability and access to HIV Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (HIVPEP) services in all Peacekeeping Operations area to prevent HIV infection due occupational and incidental exposure among personnel.

5. Annex to Chapter 4, paragraph 1 includes the last sentence “Detailed information about letters of assist can be found in Chapter 13 of the United Nations Procurement Manual.” Letters of assist are covered in Chapter 14 of the United Nations Procurement Manual on page 153. Accordingly, the last sentence of paragraph 1 should be amended to: **Detailed information about letters of assist can be found in Chapter 14 of the United Nations Procurement Manual.**

6. Chapter 4, paragraph 26 states the following: *The cost of transporting personnel from various parts of the contributing country to the assembly point at the point of entry/exit is covered under reimbursement for personnel.* This amendment occurred following the 2017 COE Working Group, however, there is no legislative history supporting the change from the previous 2014 Manual. This matter was not covered in the 2017 COE Working Group Report submitted to the General Assembly which is the authority for such changes. Accordingly, the COE Manual should revert to the language contained in the 2014 COE Manual which stated:

The United Nations will not reimburse the cost of transporting troops from various parts of the contributing country to the assembly point at the port of exit/entry.

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7. Throughout the COE Manual there are references to *Peacekeeping Mission*. Formed units, however, can be deployed to both Peacekeeping Missions and Special Political Missions. Peacekeeping Missions fall under DPO's purview while Special Political Missions fall under DPPA. As such, the term Peacekeeping Missions within the COE Manual should be replaced with **field missions**.
8. Chapter 9, Annex A, Memorandum of Understanding for Military contingents, page 205, Section II Reimbursement should be updated as follows:
 - a. Paragraph 2: The Government will be reimbursed for contingent personnel at the single rate of reimbursement of **\$1,448 per person per month** for those common and essential additional costs incurred due to the deployment of these contingent personnel to United Nations field missions. The Government will also be further temporarily reimbursed through 30 June 2026 at the single rate of reimbursement of **\$4.90 per person per month** for those common and essential additional costs incurred due to mandatory pre-deployment COVID-19 testing subject to the continued requirement of such testing by the Secretary-General. Pursuant to resolution 76/276, these reimbursement rates for contingent personnel will take effect 1 July 2022.
 - b. Paragraph 4: Contingent personnel will receive directly from the peacekeeping mission a daily allowance of \$1.28; plus, a recreational leave allowance of **\$11.50 per day** for up to 15 days of leave taken during each six-month period.
9. Chapter 9, Annex A, Memorandum of Understanding for military units, page 205, Section Requirements, includes a table with three columns: Units/sub-units, Number of Personnel, and Capabilities. The Units/sub-units title of the column can be misleading with entries often just being the unit title which does not reflect the actual type of unit/sub-unit. Accordingly, the column title should be amended to Unit/Sub-unit type. The "Capabilities" column is actually used to include some remarks rather than commenting on the unit's capabilities. Accordingly, the table should be amended to replace the Capabilities column with a Remarks column.

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Requirements

1. The Government agrees to provide the following personnel:
2. For the period starting: _____

<i>Unit /Sub-unit Type</i>	<i>Number of personnel</i>	<i>Capability Remarks</i>
Mission headquarters staff		Staff officers
Contingent headquarters		National command and control
Infantry battalion		Headquarters company, one light infantry company, one reconnaissance company
Engineer squadron		Force level vertical and horizontal construction
Helicopter squadron		Utility lift with aircrew and maintenance staff
Transport platoon		Force level and troop carrying capability
Logistics group		Integral personnel, transport, supply maintenance, and medical and financial support to the contingent
Military police platoon		Integral security and investigation support
Military information support team		Media, liaison and translation services
Total		

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10. Chapter 9, Annex A, Memorandum of Understanding for formed Police units, page 245, Section I Requirements, includes a table with three columns: *Units/sub-units*, *Number of Personnel*, and *Capabilities*. The “Capabilities” column is actually used to include some remarks rather than commenting on the unit’s capabilities. Accordingly, the table should be amended to replace the *Capabilities* column with a **Remarks** column.

11. Chapter 9, Annex A, Memorandum of Understanding for formed Police units, page 245, Section II Reimbursement should be updated as follows:

- a. Paragraph 2: The Government will be reimbursed for contingent personnel at the single rate of reimbursement of **\$1,448 per person per month** for those common and essential additional costs incurred due to the deployment of these contingent personnel to United Nations field missions. The Government will also be further temporarily reimbursed through 30 June 2026 at the single rate of reimbursement of **\$4.90 per person per month** for those common and essential additional costs incurred due to mandatory pre-deployment COVID-19 testing subject to the continued requirement of such testing by the Secretary-General. Pursuant to resolution 76/276, these reimbursement rates for contingent personnel will take effect 1 July 2022.
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