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**ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY COMMITTEE (FIFTH COMMITTEE)**

**Report on the results of the survey to support the review of the standard rate of  
reimbursement to troop- and police-contributing countries**

**(A/76/676)**

**and**

**Report on the post-traumatic stress disorder framework for uniformed personnel**

**(A/76/662)**

**Introductory remarks**

**by**

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Mr. Chairman, distinguished Delegates,

It is an honour to introduce the report on the results of the survey to support the review of the standard rate of reimbursement to troop- and police-contributing countries, [Document A/76/676] and the report on the post-traumatic stress disorder framework for uniformed personnel [Document A/76/662].

## **Quadrennial Survey**

Based on the recommendations of a Senior Advisory Group (SAG), General Assembly resolution 67/261 of 2013 established the methodological framework to inform the periodical consideration by the General Assembly of the reimbursement rate for contingent personnel deployed by troop- and police-contributing countries. As you will be aware, the General Assembly in its resolution 68/281 of 2014 pronounced itself on the results of the first survey under this new methodology. Further, the General Assembly in its resolution 72/285 of 2018 established a new reimbursement rate which took effect on 1 July 2018.

The report before you includes the results of the third, and most recent, survey of those costs incurred by a specific sample of ten troop- and police-contributing countries contributing uniformed personnel in formed units: Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, India, Italy, Morocco, Nepal, Pakistan, Rwanda, and South Africa. I wish to again express my most sincere gratitude to the ten participating countries for their support to, and engagement with, the Secretariat teams. The active participation and openness of all participating countries again highlights the critical importance attached to the survey process and to the overall reimbursement framework.

My department provided the ten participating countries with a questionnaire requesting data in the five cost categories specified by the General Assembly – allowances, personal kit and equipment, pre-deployment medical expenses, inland transportation, and United Nations-specific pre-deployment training. After receiving preliminary responses to the questionnaire, follow-up visits were made to nine of the ten sample countries between October 2021 and December 2021.

One support session was conducted virtually in view of the COVID-19 travel restrictions that were in place for that particular sample country. To meet the comparability requirement of the methodology, the Secretariat-led teams worked with the participating countries to isolate specific common costs. In most cases, revised questionnaires were submitted to reflect the clarifications provided during the visits.

The report before you provides the cost data weighted by the contribution of each participating sample country as a percentage of the sample population. The weighted average approach was used in the 2014 (GA resolution 68/281) and the 2018 (GA resolution 72/285) surveys. **The monthly per-person weighted average across all five cost categories, amounts to One-thousand four-hundred and fifty-three US dollars and thirty-one cents. (\$1 453.31)**

### **PTSD Report**

I will now turn to the Secretary-General's report on the Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD, Framework for Uniformed Personnel.

The highest priority for my department continues to be the safety and security of United Nations peacekeepers, including the provision of timely compensation to uniformed personnel and the families for those that are injured, or for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of peace.

The United Nations faced long-standing challenges in managing PTSD among uniformed personnel who were deployed to United Nations peace operations. My department initiated a project – a “Comprehensive Study to Develop a PTSD Framework for Uniformed Personnel,” in early 2020. Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 74/280 and 75/293, we have completed a holistic analysis of PTSD, with subject matter experts from across the Secretariat as well as external scientific experts, and in close consultation with Member States. I would like to thank the PTSD Advisory Board, which consists of 26 troop- and police- contributing countries, and other participating Member States, for their valuable advice and support for this important initiative. Based on the study, we herewith present a proposal for a PTSD framework for uniformed personnel for your consideration, with a view to promoting a sustainable and appropriate approach to compensation for PTSD.

Currently, we have more than 400 outstanding PTSD claims. Most of these PTSD claims relate to closed peace operations and thus resources are not readily available to satisfy the claims. The PTSD framework that we propose formulates sustainable solutions to the issue of PTSD and promotes the safety, security, and well-being of our peacekeepers. The proposal addresses securing resources for PTSD compensation as well as prevention and mitigation measures to reduce the incidence of PTSD going forward.

The well-being of our peacekeepers is my fundamental concern. I seek your support for the PTSD framework, which is vital for current and future peacekeepers.

In closing, my team and I stand ready to respond to any questions that you may have regarding both reports.

Thank you.