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Results of the survey to support the review of the standard rate of reimbursement to troop- and police-contributing countries

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered an advance version of the report of the Secretary-General 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](#)). During its consideration of the report, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information and clarification, concluding with written responses received on 23 February 2022.

2. The Advisory Committee recalls that the General Assembly, in its resolution [67/261](#), approved the conclusions and recommendations summarized in section IV of the report of the Senior Advisory Group on rates of reimbursement to troop-contributing countries and other related issues ([A/C.5/67/10](#), annex). Subsequently, the Secretary-General submitted a report on the results of the revised survey to establish the standard rate of reimbursement to troop-contributing countries ([A/68/813](#)). In its resolution [68/281](#), the Assembly decided to establish a single rate of reimbursement to countries contributing contingent personnel to United Nations field operations as from 1 July 2014, with progressive increases to take effect as from 1 July 2016 and 1 July 2017. The results of the second survey were presented to the Assembly in a report of the Secretary-General ([A/72/728](#)), and in its resolution [72/285](#), the Assembly decided on another increase in the rate of reimbursement per person per month, effective 1 July 2018.

3. The Advisory Committee further recalls that the General Assembly, in its resolution [67/261](#), also approved the recommendation of the Senior Advisory Group that, once a new base has been approved, there be a full review, with data gathered from a newly selected sample, every four years ([A/C.5/67/10](#), annex, para. 110). Pursuant to that resolution, the latest report of the Secretary-General ([A/76/676](#)) contains the results of the quadrennial review of the common and essential additional



personnel costs incurred by contributing countries in deploying their forces to United Nations peacekeeping missions, using June 2021 as the base month. Table 2 in the report of the Secretary-General provides a summary of the average per-person monthly costs from the 10 sample countries for each of the five categories of data. Upon enquiry, the Committee was informed that the methodology, which had been recommended by the Group and approved by the Assembly in its resolution 67/261, had been followed throughout the review process.

4. Based on the 2021/2022 review, the weighted average across all five cost categories and reflecting the proportionate size of the individual contributions of the sample countries amounts to \$1,453.31 per person per month (A/76/676, para. 26), a difference of \$25.31 compared with the current rate of \$1,428 per person per month approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 72/285. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that, based on the deployment levels as at 31 December 2021 and assuming that the approved rate was paid in full to all uniformed personnel deployed, the potential financial implications of a \$1 increase in the current rate of reimbursement would amount to \$839,880 per annum, equating to an estimated total of \$21,257,363 per annum for a difference of \$25.31.

5. In addition to the five mandated categories of costs, information on other costs incurred by the sample countries is listed in sections IV and V of the report of the Secretary-General. In his previous report (A/72/728), the Secretary-General provided the weighted average of two such additional costs, relating to: (a) the issuance of passports; and (b) medical expenses with respect to deploying female uniformed personnel (A/72/728, paras. 53 and 59 (c)). In his latest report, the Secretary-General provides the lowest and highest additional costs for the same categories (A/76/676, paras. 52 and 57 (c)). Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that, as required by General Assembly resolution 67/261, only the data on common and essential additional costs reported by participating troop- and police-contributing countries are collated and aggregated by category in the report of the Secretary-General. The weighted averages by cost category are presented for these common and essential additional reported costs. Only 7 of the 10 participating troop- and police-contributing countries reported costs related to the issuance of passports. Furthermore, although all 10 participating sample troop- and police-contributing countries deploy women peacekeepers, only 5 participating sample countries reported predeployment medical expenses associated with women peacekeepers. The range of the reported predeployment medical expenses for women peacekeepers is reflected in paragraph 57 (c) of the report.

6. Furthermore, similar to the previous report, the Secretary-General indicates in the latest report that sample countries noted having incurred costs associated with post-deployment medical examinations and procedures that were specific to service in United Nations peacekeeping operations, including coronavirus disease (COVID-19) testing, other tests, psychological examinations and counselling, which are not included in the overall medical costs. Most participating sample countries also reported costs incurred in administering the COVID-19 vaccine to uniformed personnel being deployed to United Nations peacekeeping operations. Those costs were incurred in line with the national mandates on vaccination in response to the pandemic and were not included in the overall amounts. (ibid., paras. 41 and 42). Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the United Nations does not currently require pre- or post-deployment psychological screening. Noting that any decision to revise the current methodological framework for the quadrennial survey as agreed in resolution 67/261 remains under the exclusive purview of the General Assembly, the cost categories included in the current survey are as established by the Assembly.

7. The recommendations of the Secretary-General are set out in paragraph 58 of his report ([A/76/676](#)). The General Assembly is requested to: (a) take note of the report of the Secretary-General; and (b) express appreciation to the sample countries for their participation in the survey. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that the Assembly, in its resolution [67/261](#), did not request the Secretary-General to make a recommendation on the actual rate of reimbursement for the contribution of uniformed personnel deployed in formed units. **The Advisory Committee is of the view that the consideration of the results of the survey to support the review of the standard rate of reimbursement to troop- and police-contributing countries constitutes a policy matter to be decided by the General Assembly.**
