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Mr. Chairman,

I wish to take this opportunity to express my delegation's appreciation to the fifth committee for the continued job well done in making sure that all UN programs and projects especially peacekeeping operations are adequately facilitated.

We highly value the decision to involve United Republic of Tanzania in the Troop Cost Survey process for the first time and I am glad to note that the **troop costs survey** thoroughly reviewed actual costs incurred to prepare and sustain troops and indeed recommended the improvement of personal emoluments for our troops. We highly satisfied in the manner the survey was conducted professionally and transparently.

As this committee is meeting after General Assembly endorsement of the report of the COE Working Group 2017 which resulted into the new rates of COE Reimbursement from July 2017, I believe this session apart from reviewing troop's payments rates will also pronounce itself and provide on some of the pertinent issues related to personnel emoluments.

Mr. Chairman,

On the administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations, my delegation has two major observations that we think should be properly addressed;

On the troops payment rates

1. My delegation proposes a through consideration of the Hostility Mission factors for Troops payment of FIB Troops due to imminence and possibilities of frequency of extreme risk to them as a result of hostile action in special missions constituted in a robust manner to undertake targeted offensive operations such as FIB other than traditional peacekeeping operations under Chapter VII.

2. There should be a Special allowance/payment for specialized troops such as Special Forces Units due to their operational risk environment.
3. There is a need to review and increase the increase rate of payment for disability and death compensations.
4. Increase of daily allowance should also be considered.

On Deduction of Troops Payment

My delegation recommends removal of the proportional deduction of the troops payment in the case of absent or non-functional major equipment as specified in the memorandum of understanding.

This proposal is based on the fact that;

1. The contingent always perform most of the functions even in absence or non-functional of some equipment.
2. In absence of some equipment, troops may still be assigned to perform their tasks by using other contingent's assets.
3. Double deductions to TCCs have negative impacts the ability to address the shortfalls and sustainment of the troops in the mission area.
4. Peacekeepers are performing with great diligence and professionalism, enduring hardship and danger in the cause of peace so there is no need to punish them.

Thank you for your kind attention.