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Revised Measures for Uniformed Personnel Rotations in a COVID-19 Environment

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Introduction and Purpose

1. This guidance document sets out the temporary and extraordinary transitional measures for uniformed rotations, repatriations, and deployments (hereafter referred to as “rotations”) to and from United Nations Peacekeeping Operations and relevant Special Political Missions in a COVID-19 environment. The requirements by host-and transit countries must be observed at all times.
2. These measures are designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 during rotations of formed units into countries that host United Nations Peacekeeping Operations and relevant Special Political Missions, in Troop or Police Contributing Countries (T/PCCs) and in transit countries, thereby protecting vulnerable communities and populations, while at the same time maintaining the Missions’ uniformed operational capabilities for mandate delivery, protecting the health and safety of United Nations personnel and mitigating reputational risk to the Organization.
3. The measures, initially established for the period 1 July to 31 December 2020, were first extended until 31 March 2021 and subsequently extended every six months with the previous extension up to 31 October 2022.
4. The measures have now once again been revised and will be effective from 1 November 2022 until 30 April 2023, pending significant developments that may warrant a review at an earlier stage. These revised measures will be kept under review based on developments in the COVID-19 situation, including the spread of COVID-19 “variants of concern”, the national vaccination rates in the local community, local health care infrastructure and availability of diagnostic testing capacity and treatments locally, amongst other factors.

Scope

5. This guidance document applies to formed units, individual uniformed personnel (IUP), national support elements and any other national personnel, whose movement in and out of the country hosting the Peacekeeping Operation or relevant Special Political Mission is by

¹ The transitional measures were originally entitled “Transitional Measures for the Partial Resumption of Uniformed Rotations in a COVID-19 Environment”. The title was revised in connection with the February 2021 review.

virtue of belonging to a T/PCC acting under the authority of United Nations mandates. These measures do not apply to government provided corrections personnel.

6. These measures shall be read and strictly followed by all mission personnel and all DPPA, DPO and DOS headquarters personnel who deal with, coordinate, manage or approve rotations of uniformed personnel. Compliance is mandatory.

General Requirements

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personnel annexed to this policy should be completed and used for such documentation²X. For individual uniformed personnel, the PCR test result should be submitted. Missions must store records of the declaration form electronically for future reference.

13. It should be noted that as per current World Health Organization recommendations, even individuals who are partially or fully vaccinated against COVID-19, should continue to adhere to all existing COVID-19 precautionary measures, including testing and masking requirements, regardless of their vaccination status. In the event of an outbreak, any cases identified should be isolated immediately and contacts should be quarantined according to local protocols and World Health Organization recommendations.

Outgoing Units and Personnel

14. All outgoing units and personnel will adhere to the quarantine policies as determined by the TPCCs upon their return to their home countries.

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