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8.11 Disposal of Armoured, Armoured/Mine-Hardened and Armoured/Mine Protected-Vehicles.

Disposal of Armoured, Armoured/Mine-Hardened and Armoured/Mine-Protected Vehicles presents special circumstances. Very often the purchase of such vehicles includes the provision of an End-User Certificate to the Government of the country of origin, in which the UN attests that the vehicles are for the sole use of the UN and will not be given, sold or loaned to any third party. This is very important, as the UN is not a trader in equipment that could be used for military purposes.

8.12 Therefore, Missions that have armoured, armoured/mine hardened or armoured/mine-protected vehicles that are surplus to requirement are to seek STS advice for disposal to insure compliance with the terms of any applicable End-User Certificate. It may be possible for STS, through PD to arrange buyback of the vehicles by the original vendor or country of origin.

8.11 It may be that the vendor or country of origin will not buy-back the vehicles. In such circumstances either:

- 8.11.1 The country of origin will be requested to give permission for disposal of the vehicles by sale. It can be expected that the country of origin will wish to be provided details of the prospective buyer, to retain the right to veto any sale and to require the buyer to provide an End-User Certificate.
- 8.11.2 The Mission will be directed to dispose of the vehicles by destruction. The Mission will be requested to attempt to identify a vendor in the mission area who is able to conduct the destruction. If no vendor is identified in the mission area the vehicles should be shipped to UNLB for destruction. General provisions in regard to destruction are as follows:
 - 8.11.2.1 The armoured hull and any glass elements of the vehicles are to be rendered unusable and unrepairable either by crushing or extensive cutting.
 - 8.11.2.2 The destruction of each vehicle is to be witnessed by a Mission representative.
 - 8.11.2.3 A destruction certificate signed by both vendor and witness is to be provided to STS as verification that the vehicles are destroyed.
 - 8.11.2.4 All related costs for destruction and shipping are to be borne by the Mission. In the event that the vehicles are removed to UNLB, provision should be made to IOV sufficient funds to complete the destruction and cover any other costs incurred by UNLB.