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**ABSTRACT**

The dissertation evaluates the ways and means which could be adopted in maximizing the financial productivity of Sri Lanka Air Force United Nations peacekeeping missions with special emphasis on SLAF UN South Sudan mission. The topic was chosen to identify the factors affecting the financial productivity of SLAF UN peacekeeping missions and suggesting alternatives to maximize the financial return through minimizing cost and maximizing the income within the framework set by the Memorandum of Understanding/Letter of Assist (MOU/LOA). The study has focused on testing the hypothesis that, financial productivity of SLAF UN peacekeeping missions can be improved by reviewing the existing MOU/LOA. Based on the findings suitable recommendations were introduced on reducing the cost of missions and increasing the income of SLAF UN peacekeeping missions.

A structured qualitative questionnaire designed to accommodate more of close ended questions with provisions for an open ended answers was developed while structured interviews were conducted with well experienced and expert officers in the subject. Based on the findings of the research Five Years Strategic Plan was formulated as a guideline for future engagements in UN peacekeeping missions.

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