



Oversight Update: Ukraine Assistance

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DoD Office of Inspector General Oversight

The Department of Defense Office of Inspector General (DoD OIG) continues to prioritize efforts to plan and execute timely and relevant oversight of the DoD's support to Ukraine. Through visits to the region led by Acting DoD Inspector General (IG) Sean O'Donnell and other senior leaders, the DoD OIG engages with stakeholders directly involved in the DoD's support to Ukraine. These interactions help the DoD OIG identify areas of highest risk and develop targeted oversight.

The DoD OIG continues to engage with stakeholders closer to home as well. Notably, in November, Acting IG O'Donnell held a meeting at the Pentagon with Army Brigadier General (BG) Garrick Harmon, the Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché from the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine. During the meeting, BG Harmon provided insights on capabilities, challenges, requirements, and logistics for routine and enhanced end-use monitoring of military equipment transferred to Ukraine.

In recent weeks, the DoD OIG announced two new projects related to Ukraine, including an evaluation of security controls for defense items provided to Ukraine within the U.S. European Command (USEUCOM) area of responsibility. This month, Deputy IG for Evaluations Michael Roark and a team of evaluators visited

Ongoing Projects

- *Evaluation of Intelligence Sharing in Support of Ukraine*
- *Evaluation of the DoD's Replenishment of Weapons Supplied to Ukraine*
- *Evaluation of Army Prepositioned Equipment Issued in Response to Ukraine and NATO Defense Forces*
- *Evaluation of the U.S. Special Operations Command Joint Military Information Support Operations Web Operations Center*
- *Audit of the Army's Administration and Oversight of the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program V Contract in the U.S. European Command Area of Responsibility*



Poland to observe DoD operations to transfer equipment to Ukraine. Their evaluation will determine the extent to which the DoD complied with Defense Transportation Regulations and DoD instructions when conducting these operations.

The DoD OIG also announced an audit of the DoD's training of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. The audit will include multiple training sites within the USEUCOM area of responsibility and will determine the extent to which the DoD is training the Ukrainian Armed Forces to operate and maintain U.S.-provided defense articles. Auditors recently traveled to Germany to meet with Army officials and a Ukrainian military officer to understand the scope of the training the Army is providing to the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

In addition to planning oversight work, the DoD OIG continues work on eight ongoing projects and recently issued an evaluation of the DoD's planning and accountability of equipment and support provided to Ukraine. This evaluation determined the extent to which the DoD developed plans to provide and account for security assistance and intelligence support authorized by the FY 2022 National Defense Authorization Act to the government of Ukraine. This report is classified.

Ongoing Projects (cont'd)

- ***Audit of the Army's Management of Army Prepositioned Stock (APS-5)***
- ***Audit of DoD Training of Ukrainian Armed Forces***
- ***Evaluation of Security Controls for Defense Items Transferred to Ukraine Within the U.S. European Command Area of Responsibility***

Coordination with Partner Oversight Agencies

The DoD OIG and the OIGs of the Department of State (State) and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) have made oversight of the many billions of dollars provided to Ukraine a top priority. Accordingly, we are leveraging the oversight models our offices employed to jointly oversee eight overseas contingency operations to ensure coordinated oversight of our individual agencies' response efforts and enhanced collaboration across the oversight community. Acting IG O'Donnell and the heads of the State and USAID OIGs, Diana Shaw and Nicole Angarella, formally announced their oversight partnership with a joint statement issued on November 1, 2022.

The three OIGs are coordinating not only with Federal oversight partners but also with allied entities overseeing the international response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Recently, leaders from the OIGs conducted joint visits to Belgium and the Netherlands to meet with U.S. and foreign officials to discuss the international response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. In Belgium, the OIG delegation visited the headquarters of the European Union (EU) and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the U.S. Missions to the EU and NATO. During the visit, Deputy IG Troy Meyer met with U.S. stakeholders and European partners to discuss international efforts related to research, development, and production of



Coordination with Partner Oversight Agencies (cont'd)

military equipment and aid to Ukraine. He also engaged with the U.S. National Military Representative to the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe to discuss DoD operations related to Ukraine security assistance.

In the Netherlands, OIG leaders participated in the Complex Emergencies Working Group (CEWG), hosted by the USAID OIG. The CEWG is an annual forum of U.S. oversight and law enforcement professionals and delegates from United Nations agency oversight bodies and bilateral donors. Acting IG O'Donnell, Deputy IG Meyer, and Defense Criminal Investigative Service Deputy Director Jim Ives attended the working group with officials from the State and USAID OIGs, World Bank, and international oversight and law enforcement partners from the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Sweden, among other countries. Participants shared best practices and lessons learned related to investigations, procurement fraud, and working with Ukrainian national authorities. During the event, Acting IG O'Donnell joined a question-and-answer panel and spoke about the oversight community's important role in ensuring accountability and transparency in complex emergencies.

The joint trip facilitated further coordination between the three OIGs regarding oversight of areas where the activities of their respective agencies overlap, and provided them with insights and feedback from oversight agencies and the international community that will inform their oversight planning and execution.

In addition, earlier this month, the DoD OIG participated in the annual Five Eyes Intelligence Oversight and Review Council meeting. The Council, which comprises independent oversight entities from the Five Eyes intelligence partnership, meets yearly to compare best practices and oversight methodologies, identify areas for coordination, and encourage transparency. The DoD OIG hosted the second day of this year's conference at the Pentagon, and Acting IG O'Donnell talked with the group about their common interest in oversight of support to Ukraine. He emphasized the significant impact oversight can have, describing how the recommendations in a 2020 DoD OIG evaluation led the DoD to take corrective actions that are today improving enhanced end-use monitoring of equipment transferred to Ukraine.

Learn more about Ukraine-related oversight work and activities at the DoD OIG and its partner OIGs at the links below.

DoD OIG: <https://www.dodig.mil/Ukraine/>

State OIG: <https://www.stateoig.gov/ukraine-response-oversight>

USAID OIG: <https://oig.usaid.gov/our-work/ukraine-oversight>

