



# Oversight Update: Ukraine Assistance

This update summarizes recent DoD Office of Inspector General oversight activities related to DoD security assistance to Ukraine. Below are a few highlights.

## DoD IG Named as Special Inspector General for Operation Atlantic Resolve

The FY2024 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which the President signed into law on December 22, redesignates the Lead Inspector General for Operation Atlantic Resolve (OAR) as the Special Inspector General for OAR. The DoD IG, the Honorable Robert P. Storch, has been serving as the Lead IG for OAR since October 18, 2023. As the new Special IG for OAR, the DoD IG has oversight responsibility for all aspects of OAR, including U.S. assistance to Ukraine, and will continue to coordinate closely with the State Department IG, USAID IG, and the broader U.S. government oversight community on whole-of-government oversight for OAR. The DoD IG will also work with our counterparts to report quarterly to Congress on U.S.-funded programs and operations for Ukraine, including security, development, and humanitarian aid, as provided for in the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, and the NDAA.

## Projects Announced

In December, the DoD OIG initiated an "Audit of the Army's Management of Unfinitized Contract Actions Awarded to Provide Ukraine Assistance." This audit aims to determine whether Army contracting officials properly managed unfinitized contract actions, awarded to assist Ukraine by obligating funds and definitizing actions within the required limits and adjusting profit for costs incurred, or properly waiving the requirements by Federal and DoD policies. An unfinitized contract action is a contract action for which the contract terms, specifications, or price are not agreed upon before performance begins.

The DoD OIG also announced the "Summary of Oversight Reports on DoD Security Assistance to Ukraine to Inform Possible DoD Efforts to Support Israel and Other Future Foreign Assistance Efforts." This evaluation will summarize systemic challenges and recommendations to address them from completed oversight reports on DoD security assistance to Ukraine. It is intended to inform possible DoD efforts to support Israel and other future foreign assistance efforts.



## Upcoming Reports

The DoD OIG has three upcoming reports involving security assistance to Ukraine. The “Evaluation of the DoD’s Routine and Enhanced End-Use Monitoring of Equipment Provided to Ukraine” examines the DoD’s efforts to ensure compliance with accountability requirements for security assistance provided to Ukraine. The “Management Advisory: Leahy Vetting of DoD-Trained Ukrainian Armed Forces” examines how the DoD conducted required vetting for training the Ukrainian Armed Forces to operate and maintain U.S. provided defense articles effectively. Lastly, the DoD OIG plans to release the “Management Advisory: Audit of Remote Maintenance and Distribution Cell–Ukraine Restructuring Contract Award,” which is the first in a series of products related to the Army’s award and oversight of a task order for the maintenance of equipment at the Remote Maintenance and Distribution Cell–Ukraine.

## IG Meets with Ukraine’s Defence Minister



In December, IG Robert P. Storch and DoD OIG leaders met with Ukraine’s Defence Minister, Rustem Umerov, at the Pentagon to discuss the importance of transparency and accountability of U.S. security assistance to Ukraine.

## In-Country Activities

DoD OIG personnel in Kyiv had a number of crucial engagements during the past month. We held discussions with the Deputy Minister of Defence, who oversees both the Main Inspectorate and the Office of Internal Controls, answering questions about the U.S. government’s approach to oversight. We also met with a delegation from the Ukrainian National Police, led by the head of the International Police Cooperation Department. This discussion focused on establishing a Memorandum of Understanding to enhance information sharing for our oversight initiatives.

DoD OIG personnel also participated in a conference organized by the U.S. Mission to Ukraine’s Office of Development and Cooperation. The conference was aimed at evaluating Ukrainian Armed Forces’ requirements and obtaining feedback on previously provided defense systems. We observed this process as part of our ongoing oversight efforts and to foster relationships with key officials involved in Ukrainian government oversight.

*The OIGs of the Department of Defense, Department of State, and U.S. Agency for International Development are committed to coordinating oversight of Ukraine aid. Get the latest on each OIG’s planned, ongoing, and completed work at their respective websites.*



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