



U.S. Embassy Santiago, Chile

October 2024

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

In October, a contract company that provided personal protective security services for diplomatic personnel at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, agreed to pay \$14 million to the U.S. government to resolve allegations it did not provide essential training as required by the contract. The settlement also resolved a lawsuit brought against the company under the qui tam, or whistleblower provisions, of the False Claims Act.

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Also in October, a Department of State (Department) employee was terminated for failure to follow policy and misuse of government resources. OIG special agents determined the employee mismanaged Office of Public Affairs grants and programs and took actions such as awarding multiple grants to a for-profit entity and sole source awards without the required approvals. In addition, the employee took a Department-funded trip to Washington, DC, while on annual leave and did not conduct official business.

NOTABLE OPEN RECOMMENDATION

In the March 2022 report, *Inspection of Embassy Santiago, Chile (ISP-I-22-10)*, OIG recommended that the embassy comply with all Department overseas motor vehicle safety standards for chauffeurs and incidental drivers under chief of mission authority. It also recommended the embassy bring its contracting officer’s representative program into compliance with Department standards. Failure to enforce Department motor vehicle safety standards increases the risk of injury to drivers, passengers, and the public, as well as damage to U.S. government property. Additionally, a noncompliant COR program increases the risk of mismanagement. The Department’s latest compliance response on these recommendations was overdue by 99 days, as of October 31.

RECOMMENDATIONS STATUS*

as of October 31, 2024

1,041**

Open
Recommendations

23***

Recommendations
Closed During September

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* OIG delivers monthly SBU/classified recommendation reports to Congressional committees of jurisdiction.

** Includes 56 recommendations associated with the U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC). Total also excludes 1 Department report with 12 resolved recommendations.

***Includes 14 recommendations closed on OIG’s classified network.

[Reports](#)

[Ongoing Work](#)

NEW WORK STARTED

- *Review of the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs' Property Accountability in Ukraine*
- *Audit of Selected Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration Awards Supporting Stability and Assistance Efforts in the Western Hemisphere*
- *Audit of Selected Bureau of Consular Affairs Information Systems' Compliance With Information Security and Privacy Controls*
- *Audit of the Bureau of Diplomatic Security's Antiterrorism Assistance Program*
- *Technical Assessment of USAGM Vulnerability and Configuration Management Processes*

UKRAINE AND AFGHANISTAN OVERSIGHT

Audit of the Disposition of Sensitive Security Assets at U.S. Embassies Kabul, Afghanistan, and Kyiv, Ukraine (AUD-GEER-25-01)

In this report, OIG found that Embassy Kabul and Embassy Kyiv faced different challenges that impacted their ability to manage, safeguard, and dispose of sensitive security assets in advance of their respective evacuations. For example, OIG found that 26 percent of Embassy Kabul’s firearms and 63 percent of Embassy Kabul’s armored vehicles were left in Afghanistan. OIG also found that the Defensive Equipment and Armored Vehicle Division (DEAV) did not fully and accurately account for sensitive security assets exfiltrated from Embassy Kabul. For example, DEAV prematurely declared some assets as abandoned that were later recovered. This occurred, in part, because the Department did not have a formal requirement to reconcile a post’s assets following a suspension of operations. In addition, the Bureau of Diplomatic Security’s records management practices were not conducive to the timely reconciliation of Kabul’s assets. Finally, OIG found that the Department issued a waiver allowing for the transfer of half of Embassy Kyiv’s armored

vehicle fleet to the government of Ukraine after the suspension of operations, in February 2022. OIG made 12 recommendations that are considered resolved.

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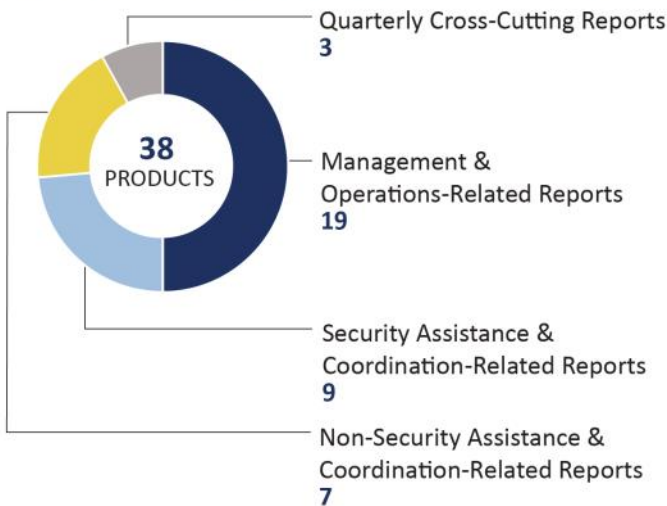
This annual joint strategic oversight plan describes oversight activities for the U.S. government’s response to Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine and Operation Atlantic Resolve. The plan fulfills individual and collective agency responsibilities pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, and the National Defense Authorization Act of 2024.

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[FY 2025 Comprehensive Oversight Plan for Overseas Contingency Operations](#)

These are annual plans describing oversight activities for Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Enduring Sentinel. These plans fulfill our individual and collective agency oversight responsibilities pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended. We will issue a separate plan for Operation Atlantic Resolve, which includes assistance to Ukraine.

UKRAINE COMPLETED OVERSIGHT WORK



TOTAL RECOMMENDATIONS	OTHER PRODUCTS	ONGOING & PLANNED OVERSIGHT PROJECTS
223	4	19



For complete lists of completed, ongoing, and planned work related to Ukraine [click here](#).



For complete lists of completed, ongoing, and planned work related to Afghanistan, [click here](#).

REPORT RECAP



October 2024

The following reports were issued in October by the Department of State Office of Inspector General (OIG).



Audit of the Disposition of Sensitive Security Assets at U.S. Embassies Kabul, Afghanistan, and Kyiv, Ukraine ([AUD-GEER-25-01](#))

See summary of report under “Ukraine and Afghanistan Oversight” above.



Classified Inspection of Embassy Jakarta and Constituent Posts, Indonesia ([ISP-S-25-01](#))

This report contains information that is Classified and unavailable for public viewing.



Independent Accountant’s Report on the Application of Agreed-Upon Procedures: Employee Benefits, Withholdings, Contributions, and Supplemental Semiannual Headcount Reporting Submitted to the Office of Personnel Management ([AUD-FM-25-02](#))

An independent external auditor performed agreed-upon procedures as required by the Office of Management and Budget. Work performed by the auditor did not identify exceptions for most of the procedures; however, some reportable differences were identified related to life insurance, retirement, and payroll. Specifically, of the 54 procedures completed, 51 were completed without exception. Three of the 54 procedures identified exceptions: for two procedures, the Department did not provide requested documents for three samples, and one procedure determined the withholding amount was miscalculated.



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See summary of report under “Ukraine and Afghanistan Oversight” above.



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