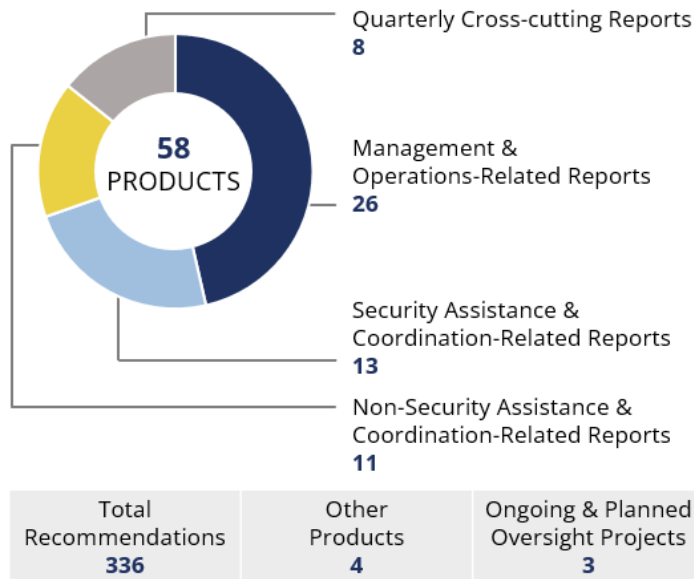




OIG Issues New Ukraine-Related Oversight Reports

In March, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) issued two Ukraine-related reports, [Audit of the Department of State's Efforts to Support War Crimes Accountability in Ukraine](#) and a [Review of the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs' Property Donations to Ukraine](#), which are detailed in the report summaries section at the end of this issue.

UKRAINE COMPLETED OVERSIGHT WORK



In early April, OIG published an [Audit of the Department of State's Energy Security and Diversification Initiatives in the Black Sea Region](#), which found that improvements were needed to demonstrate that related foreign assistance awards implemented by the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation and Bureau of Energy Resources were on track to achieve intended results.

OIG has issued 58 reports related to Department of State (Department) programs and operations involving Ukraine since December 2022. Visit OIG's [Ukraine-Related Oversight](#) page for a full list of planned, ongoing, and completed oversight work.

RECOMMENDATIONS STATUS*

as of March 31, 2026

1,088** Open Recommendations	99*** Recommendations Closed During March
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*OIG delivers monthly SBU/classified recommendation reports to congressional committees of jurisdiction.

**Includes 49 recommendations associated with USIBWC.

***Includes 22 recommendations closed on OIG's classified network.

- Reports**
- Ongoing Work**

Comprehensive Oversight of International Organizations

OIG continues to reinforce its commitment to comprehensive oversight of international organizations. In February and March, senior leaders from OIG's Office of Investigations (INV) and Office of Audits (AUD) traveled to meet with oversight officials from the UN World Food Programme, UN Food and Agriculture Organization, UN International Organization for Migration, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, and The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. AUD and INV leaders also met with representatives from the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

OIG leaders also held extensive meetings with resident staff and humanitarian officers at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, the U.S. Mission to International Organizations in Geneva, and the U.S. Mission to the UN Agencies in Rome. Increased collaboration with offices of inspector general at U.S.-funded international organizations assists OIG in developing long-term strategies for joint oversight and echoes Department efforts to drive reforms to the UN system and its oversight.

OIG Leadership Update

Molly Hines is now Acting Assistant Inspector General for Management/Acting Executive Director in the Office of the Executive Director. She previously served as the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Management/Deputy Executive Director. She joined OIG in 2021.

Jeffrey McDermott is now the Acting General Counsel in the Office of General Counsel while continuing in his role as Assistant Inspector General in the Office of Whistleblower Integrity and Special Projects. He joined OIG in 2014.

For updates, see OIG's [organizational chart](#).

Investigative Results

In March 2026, a locally employed (LE) staff member had their security clearance revoked and resigned under investigation, and another LE staff member was terminated by the Department. The joint OIG and Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS) investigation determined both individuals engaged in various forms of misconduct, to include misuse of U.S. government property.

Previously, due to the results of the same investigation, 20 LE staff were terminated, 8 LE staff were suspended for periods ranging from 4 to 7 days, and 4 LE staff received letters of reprimand for misconduct including theft, sharing of illicit sexual images, visa malfeasance, misuse of position for private gain, and misuse of government equipment.

In another March 2026 investigation, an LE staff member's security clearance and visa were revoked, and the LE staff member was ultimately terminated for cause by the Department. The joint OIG-DS investigation determined the LE staff member was dishonest, violated security regulations, and presented a conflict of interest. Additionally, the LE staff member misused government funds, engaged in procurement irregularities, displayed unprofessional behavior, and attempted to manipulate embassy processes.

Notable Open Recommendation

In the August 2020 report, *Inspection of Embassy London and Constituent Posts, United Kingdom* (ISP-I-20-12), OIG recommended that Embassy London—in coordination with the Bureaus of the Comptroller and Global Financial Services, Global Talent Management, and European and Eurasian Affairs—implement a plan to fund current liabilities and reduce future liabilities in the LE staff defined-benefit pension plan to comply with local labor law and address long-term funding concerns. Since the inspection, Embassy London has engaged in multiple contract solicitations with outside vendors and law firms to obtain external pension expertise. However, the embassy encountered difficulties executing these contracts due to complications and variances in UK law and contract language. As of March 2026, the embassy continues to fulfill the requirements of this recommendation by developing and implementing a plan that will permanently address the unfunded pension liability.

New Work Started

To see a list of all current OIG oversight projects, please visit our [Ongoing Work](#) page. The list below includes new work started in March 2026:


- *Audit of the U.S. Agency for Global Media's FY 2025 Compliance With the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019.*
- *External Peer Review of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau OIG.*
- *Audit of the Department of State's FY 2026 Information Security Program for Sensitive Compartmented Information Systems.*
- *Inspection of Embassy Accra, Ghana.*
- *Inspection of Embassy Bujumbura, Burundi.*
- *Inspection of Embassy Djibouti, Djibouti.*
- *Inspection of Embassy Gaborone, Botswana.*
- *Inspection of Embassy Kampala, Uganda.*
- *Inspection of Embassy Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.*
- *Inspection of Embassy Tbilisi, Georgia.*
- *Inspection of Embassy Yerevan, Armenia.*


REPORT RECAP


MONTHLY UPDATE

March 2026

The Department of State Office of Inspector General (OIG) issued the following reports in March 2026:

 *Audit of the Department of State's Efforts to Support War Crimes Accountability in Ukraine*
(AUD-SIP-26-08)
OIG audited the Department's efforts to support Ukraine's capacity to investigate and prosecute war crimes stemming from Russia's 2022 full-scale invasion, finding that the funded programs generally strengthened Ukraine's ability to document and pursue such cases. However, the audit identified weaknesses in how the Department designed and implemented award monitoring, including missing baseline measures, unclear targets, and insufficient oversight activities such as site visits. To improve accountability and ensure goals are met, OIG issued five recommendations to relevant bureaus.

 *Review of the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs' Property Donations to Ukraine*
(ISP-I-26-10)
An independent external contractor, acting on behalf of OIG, found that since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, the United States has supplied approximately \$67 billion in security assistance, including nearly \$1 billion in training and equipment from the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), representing the bureau's largest global property inventory. The external contractor found that INL lacked processes to maintain complete and accurate data for assets that it acquired and donated to the Ukrainian government. The Department system INL used to manage its property donations lacked acquisition costs for items INL identified as either retired or disposed, and data available for INL-donated items not subject to end-use monitoring requirements were incomplete and inaccurate. Despite these data issues, INL generally adhered to property-management standards for the items donated to Ukraine, with the external contractor identifying only a small number of discrepancies in both statistically significant and non-statistically significant samples of donated items. The external contractor made recommendations to improve the Department's ability to oversee and track INL's donated property, including items subject to end-use monitoring requirements.

 *Management Assistance Report: Emergency Preparedness Areas for Improvement at the National Foreign Affairs Training Center*
(WISP-26-01)
During a whistleblower investigation, OIG identified an issue involving emergency preparedness at the National Foreign Affairs Training Center (NFATC) and issued a management assistance report that made two recommendations to address this issue.