



Office of Inspector General  
United States Department of State

**UKRAINE RESPONSE OVERSIGHT PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT**  
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**Review of Leahy Vetting Processes in Select Countries  
with Leahy Ineligible Unit Agreements**

The Ukraine-related activities of the Department of State (Department) are a top oversight priority for the Office of Inspector General (OIG).

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Leahy vetting is the process of determining whether the Department has credible information that units or individuals proposed to benefit from security assistance have committed gross violations of human rights. However, in some circumstances, Leahy vetting cannot be conducted prior to the delivery of assistance because the ultimate recipient is not known. U.S. law requires a written agreement with the recipient government that it will not provide assistance to ineligible units. As of September 2024, 22 such agreements, including with Israel and Ukraine, were in effect. OIG will examine the Department's implementation of the law and, for select countries, Leahy vetting practices where the assistance's ultimate recipient is not known before transfer. The preliminary objectives of this review are to determine whether the Department: (1) has developed policies and procedures for instances where recipient units cannot be identified prior to the transfer of assistance; and (2) is implementing Leahy law requirements in accordance with policies and procedures in select countries.

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