



Office of Inspector General
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UKRAINE RESPONSE OVERSIGHT PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

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Inspection of the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs

The Ukraine related activities of the Department of State (Department) are a top oversight priority for the Office of Inspector General (OIG). OIG's five objectives for this inspection are to determine whether: (1) Bureau leadership is following the Department's leadership and management principles; (2) The bureau is carrying out its program and policy implementation responsibilities in accordance with applicable standards; (3) The bureau is meeting requirements to plan and execute bureau outreach and messaging to key audiences and stakeholders; (4) The bureau manages its resources in accordance with Department standards; and (5) The bureau manages its information technology operations in compliance with applicable information security and management standards.

The Bureau of Political-Military Affairs (PM) is the Department of State's principal liaison with the Department of Defense. PM has policy and program oversight responsibilities on a wide range of national security issues, including regional stability, military operations, security assistance of approximately \$7 billion annually, arms transfers, and defense trade. The bureau defines its mission as building enduring security partnerships worldwide to advance U.S. national security objectives. Russia's unprovoked further invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 dramatically increased PM's workload. In response to the war, the United States has invested more than \$43.8 billion in new military assistance to support Ukraine as well as neighboring countries impacted by the war through programs requiring PM management or approval. Other forms of PM-managed support have also increased, such as exports or retransfers of defense articles to Ukraine and humanitarian demining in Ukraine.

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