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UKRAINE RESPONSE OVERSIGHT PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

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Review of the Department of State's Implementation of the U.S. Plan to Counter Illicit Diversion of Certain Advanced Conventional Weapons in Eastern Europe

The Ukraine related activities of the Department of State (Department) are a top oversight priority for the Office of Inspector General (OIG). OIG's two objectives for this review are to: (1) Assess whether the *U.S. Plan to Counter Illicit Diversion of Certain Advanced Conventional Weapons in Eastern Europe* adheres to Department standards and Government Accountability Office best practices for strategy documents; and (2) Determine the status of the Department's efforts to effectively meet the plan's objectives.

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The U.S. government has provided approximately \$44 billion in military assistance to the government of Ukraine since Russia's February 2022 full-scale invasion of Ukraine. This assistance includes more than 3,000 U.S.-origin man-portable air defense systems (MANPADS) and more than 7,000 anti-tank guided missiles, which contain sensitive U.S. technology. These and other advanced conventional weapons have reportedly been vital to Ukraine's defense, but the danger of battlefield capture and illicit diversion present a particular concern due to the weapons' lethality and portability.

Following Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the Department's MANPADS Task Force led the interagency development of the *U.S. Plan to Counter Illicit Diversion of Certain Advanced Conventional Weapons in Eastern Europe*, and the plan was publicly announced on October 27, 2022. The task force also coordinates the plan's implementation. As part of the plan, the Department provides assistance to bolster capabilities to safeguard advanced conventional weapons, support law enforcement and justice sectors, and build interdiction capabilities in bordering countries.

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