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Designation of Lead Inspector General for Operation Freedom's Sentinel

Michael E. Horowitz, Chairman of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), announced today that the Honorable Jon T. Rymer, Inspector General of the Department of Defense, has been named the Lead Inspector General for the overseas contingency operation known as Operation Freedom's Sentinel, the purposes of which are to work with U.S. allies and partners as part of NATO's Resolute Support mission to continue training, advising, and assisting Afghan security forces; and to continue the counterterrorism mission against the remnants of Al-Qaeda. Operation Freedom's Sentinel commenced on January 1, 2015, by order of the Secretary of Defense.

Pursuant to Section 8L of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, the Lead Inspector General is responsible for providing comprehensive oversight and reporting over all aspects of the contingency operation. CIGIE Chair Horowitz executed the designation of Inspector General Rymer on April 1, 2015, in accordance with the statute's provisions. As required under the Act, Lead Inspector General Rymer will work in close coordination with the Inspector General of the Department of State and the Broadcasting Board of Governors, and the Acting Deputy Inspector General of the U.S. Agency for International Development to provide appropriate oversight. He will also cooperate and closely coordinate his oversight mission as Lead Inspector General with the oversight mission of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

CIGIE Chair Horowitz said, "I am confident that Lead Inspector General Rymer, in close coordination with all relevant Inspectors General, including the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, will deliver vigorous and independent oversight of Operation Freedom's Sentinel."

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