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Designation of Lead Inspector General for Operation United Assistance

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 United Assistance, the purpose of which is to help combat the Ebola virus epidemic in West Africa. Catherine M. Trujillo of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) will serve as Associate Inspector General for Operation United Assistance. Operation United Assistance was launched after the Secretary of Defense requested that specific U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard units be mobilized in support the operation on November 13, 2014, and the Secretary of the Army issued mobilization orders on November 25, 2014.

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, in coordination with the Inspectors General of the Department of State and USAID. This partnership allows for either joint or individual audits, inspections, and investigations, and is intended to provide independent and effective oversight of all federal programs and operations supporting the contingency operation. CIGIE Chair Horowitz executed the designation of Inspector General Rymer on February 24, 2015, in accordance with the statute's provisions.

"I appreciate Mr. Rymer's commitment and willingness to lead this initiative, in coordination with Ms. Trujillo, Acting Deputy Inspector General of USAID, and the Honorable Steve Linick, Inspector General of the U.S. Department of State and the Broadcasting Board of Governors," said CIGIE Chair Horowitz. "I am confident Inspector General Rymer will deliver the independent, objective oversight of Operation United Assistance that the American taxpayers expect and deserve."

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