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USAID OIG Leader Nicole Angarella Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Ukraine's Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor

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Today, Nicole Angarella, Acting head of USAID's Office of Inspector General (USAID OIG) met with key Ukrainian and European Union anti-corruption leaders in Brussels, Belgium to further efforts to ensure oversight and accountability of USAID assistance to Ukraine and the Ukrainian people.

Ms. Angarella held meetings with Oleksandr Klymenko, the head of Ukraine's Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office (SAPO) and Semen Kryvonos, Director of the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine (NABU). NABU is the Ukrainian law enforcement anti-corruption agency which investigates corruption in Ukraine and prepares cases for prosecution; SAPO prosecutes those cases.



USAID OIG Head Nicole L. Angarella and SAPO Head Oleksandr Klymenko.

USAID OIG and SAPO executed a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which will facilitate the sharing of investigative information between USAID OIG and the Ukrainian special prosecutor regarding allegations of fraud, corruption, and any other illegal activity or misconduct. The MOU will strengthen USAID OIG's ability to conduct independent and joint investigations into the misuse or abuse of USAID-funded programs designed to support Ukraine, including the \$22.9 billion in direct budget support appropriated to Ukraine to support public employees, as well as humanitarian and development programs.

"As I [testified](#) before Congress in March, independent and comprehensive oversight of USAID-assistance to Ukraine is my office's top priority," said Ms. Angarella. "The formal relationships we have established with Ukrainian institutions enhance our ability to investigate allegations of corruption affecting USAID

funds. We will hold accountable those who orchestrate schemes to defraud USAID, American taxpayers, and the Ukrainian people.”

Ukraine’s Specialized Anti-Corruption leader Klymenko stated: “It is important for us to keep the trust of the United States of America in Ukraine. Therefore, we are constantly improving the efficiency of our work and by signing this Memorandum, we are uniting efforts with USAID [OIG] in combating the misuse of funds provided by partners for the support and reconstruction of Ukraine. SAPO will ensure the highest priority of cases of this category for all anti-corruption agencies of Ukraine.”

The meetings were hosted by the European Union Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), which USAID OIG has held a long-standing bilateral MOU.