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Appointment of Associate Inspector General for Operation United Assistance

WASHINGTON, DC — Catherine M. Trujillo, the Acting Deputy Inspector General for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has been appointed Associate Inspector General for the overseas contingency operation known as Operation United Assistance (OUA), the purpose of which is to help combat the Ebola virus epidemic in West Africa, by Jon T. Rymer, Inspector General of the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Lead Inspector General for OUA.

Section 8L of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, describes the roles and responsibilities of the Lead Inspector General and Associate Inspector General for an overseas contingency operation. The Lead Inspector General is responsible for appointing an Associate Inspector General to act in a coordination role to assist in developing and carrying out a joint strategic plan to conduct comprehensive oversight and to ensure independent and effective oversight of all U.S. Government programs and operations in support of the contingency operation.

As the Associate Inspector General, Ms. Trujillo will lead oversight planning and coordination of the interagency response and work with the Lead Inspector General to provide reports to Congress on the status of the contingency operation and on oversight of related programs and operations. In acknowledging her appointment, Ms. Trujillo said, “USAID Office of Inspector General (OIG) looks forward to building on a strong record of effective coordination and engagement with DoD and Department of State OIG counterparts to continue to work with those organizations and others in the OIG community to provide needed OUA oversight and reporting, and to ensure that U.S. taxpayer dollars are fully accounted for and used for intended purposes.”

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