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### **CIGIE Chairperson Designates Lead Inspector General for Operation ATLANTIC RESOLVE**

The Honorable Mark L. Greenblatt, Chairperson of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), has designated the Honorable Robert P. Storch, Inspector General of the Department of Defense (DoD), to serve as the Lead Inspector General for the new overseas contingency operation, Operation ATLANTIC RESOLVE (OAR).

On July 13, 2023, the President of the United States issued Executive Order (EO) 14102, *Ordering the Selected Reserve and Certain Members of the Individual Ready Reserve of the Armed Forces to Active Duty*. EO 14102 authorized the Secretary of Defense to order reserve units and individuals to active duty for the effective conduct of OAR in and around the U.S. European Command area of responsibility. On August 18, 2023, the Secretary of the Army issued the first activation orders for OAR, resulting in the operation becoming a contingency operation as a matter of law, and the operation is expected to exceed 60 days.

Upon the commencement of such contingency operations, and pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 419(b)(1), the CIGIE Chairperson is responsible for designating a Lead Inspector General to provide comprehensive oversight and reporting over all aspects of the operation. CIGIE Chairperson Greenblatt issued the Lead Inspector General designation on September 18, 2023, with an effective date of October 18, 2023. Pursuant to the law, Inspector General Storch will coordinate OAR oversight efforts with the inspectors general of the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Upon making this designation, CIGIE Chairperson Greenblatt stated, “I appreciate Mr. Storch’s commitment and willingness to oversee this initiative, in coordination with leadership from the State Department and USAID offices of the inspector general. I am confident Inspector General Storch will lead independent, objective oversight of Operation ATLANTIC RESOLVE that American taxpayers expect and deserve.”

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