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**Designation of Lead Inspector General for Overseas Contingency Operation,
Operation Inherent Resolve**

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 Inherent Resolve*. On October 17, 2014, the Secretary of Defense designated *Operation Inherent Resolve* as a contingency operation to defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and deny them safe-haven.

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 the Agency for International Development (AID). 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.

This is the first situation that has required the designation of a Lead Inspector General to coordinate oversight of an overseas contingency operation, pursuant to a 2013 amendment to the Inspector General Act of 1978. Section 8L of the Act requires the Chair of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) to make a designation within certain timeframes. CIGIE Chair Phyllis K. Fong executed the designation on December 17, 2014, in accordance with the statute's provisions.

"I appreciate Mr. Rymer's commitment to provide the leadership necessary to effectively oversee the government's efforts related to *Operation Inherent Resolve*," Ms. Fong said in making her designation. "Further, I am pleased that the Inspectors General of the Department of State and AID are working closely with Mr. Rymer to develop an effective, coordinated approach to oversight."

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