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Kyiv, Ukraine

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Mr. Yuriy Stolyarchuk
Deputy Prosecutor General
Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine
Kyiv

Dear Mr. Stolyarchuk:

Thank you for your letter dated March 29, 2016, and the clarification of your remarks. I am answering on behalf of Ambassador Pyatt. I would like to make clear, as has Ambassador Pyatt in his public statements, that the United States has no concerns about the use of our assistance funds for our joint project with the Prosecutor General's Office. Furthermore, as we have also said publicly, none of these assistance funds were provided directly to any entity within the Prosecutor General's Office, including Deputy Prosecutor David Sakvarelidze and his staff. We have accounted for every single foreign assistance dollar provided within the framework of this project, as is our practice for every project we support in Ukraine. All of this assistance was administered according to U.S. laws and regulations and in strict compliance with our bilateral agreement dated March 13, 2015, and our joint action plan, signed on August 10, 2015.

This U.S. assistance package, which the Prosecutor General's Office has publicly stated it is "investigating," is implemented through the International Development and Law Organization, an intergovernmental organization, and through the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development Assistance and Training. Management and oversight of this funding is done by the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv, through the International Narcotics and Law Enforcement section.

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We also provided \$200,000 to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, a Paris-based intergovernmental organization to assist in reforming the Prosecutor General's Office. Again, none of these funds were provided directly to the Government of Ukraine.

To date, all of this assistance has supported expert advisers embedded within the Prosecutor General's Office who helped create the Reforms Department, developing re-attestation for prosecutors in line with the Government of Ukraine Procuracy Reform Law, training of prosecutors of the criminal procedure code, and capacity building for the Inspector General's Unit.

We are completely satisfied that the assistance in question has only been used for those purposes and, as stated above, do not see any grounds from our perspective as the donor who provided the assistance for an investigation into their use. Given the above, we reject allegations that Mr. Sakvarelidze, or anyone within the Prosecutor General's Office with whom we worked, could have misused these funds since they were never under their control. The investigation into the actions of the Anti-Corruption Action Center, based on the assistance they have received from us, is similarly misplaced.

As voiced by European Union Ambassador Jan Tombinski, we are gravely concerned about this investigation for which we see no basis and which appears to us to be an attempt to intimidate those in the Prosecutor General's Office most committed to combatting corruption, as well as non-governmental partners and outspoken anti-corruption activists.

The United States is committed to supporting reforms within the Prosecutor General's Office and to building its capacity to meet citizens' demands to recover stolen assets and counter corruption within the government.

Sincerely,



George P. Kent
Charge d'Affaires, a.i.