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THE AMBASSADOR

Kyiv, Ukraine
June 11, 2015

Mr. Victor Shokin
Prosecutor General of Ukraine
Office of the Procurator General of Ukraine
13/15 Riznytska Street, Kyiv

Dear Mr. Prosecutor General:

I have the honor to forward to you the enclosed letter from Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Pyatt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Geoffrey R. Pyatt

Enclosure: as stated

June 9, 2015

Dear Mr. Prosecutor General:

Secretary Kerry asked me to reply on his behalf to your letter of May 13, 2015, discussing Ukraine's efforts to address corruption, including through implementation of the new anti-corruption strategy and reform of the Prosecutor General's Office.

We have been impressed with the ambitious reform and anti-corruption agenda of your government. The challenges you face are difficult, but not insurmountable. You have an historic opportunity to address the injustices of the past by vigorously investigating and prosecuting corruption cases and recovering assets stolen from the Ukrainian people. The ongoing reform of your office, law enforcement, and the judiciary will enable you to investigate and prosecute corruption and other crimes in an effective, fair, and transparent manner.

The United States fully supports your government's efforts to fight corruption. We have dedicated personnel and resources from the State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) and Department of Justice (DoJ) to work with your office on its organizational changes and to build its capacity through training and modernization.

This support includes advisors who are at your disposal to help execute your new strategy and vision. I encourage you to discuss the idea of an Anti-Corruption Advisory Body with them, particularly how such an entity would complement, rather than duplicate, the work of the new National Anti-Corruption Bureau. INL and DoJ have been actively involved in standing up this new Bureau, which we understand is the government's current priority to combat corruption. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) also intends to work with the government and civil society on anti-corruption prevention activities.

Let me underscore that the United States will continue to support Ukraine, including by working with you and other international partners to identify and address needs in the justice and law-enforcement sector. I encourage you to continue to work closely with the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv.

Sincerely yours,

Victoria Nuland