



OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY
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The Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community Issues Statement on the Cancellation of the 2020 Intelligence Community Inspectors General Conference

(March 13, 2020) After careful consideration, the Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (ICIG) announced that it has made the difficult decision, in consultation with the Intelligence Community Inspectors General Forum, to cancel the Annual Intelligence Community Inspectors General Conference in light of growing concerns over the spread of COVID-19. The event, which was scheduled to take place on April 20, 2020, would have brought together representatives from Offices of Inspectors General (OIGs) in the Intelligence Community to exchange ideas on topics of common interest.

Last year's conference brought together more than 500 professionals from the Inspector General community, making it the ICIG's largest event in its seven-year history. This year's conference, designed to build on that momentum, would have focused on important topics such as artificial intelligence, whistleblowing rights and protections, and emerging national security threats. Ultimately, however, the health, safety, and well-being of all those attending the conference, as well as the families and communities that our attendees return to, is of paramount importance, and the difficult decision was made to cancel the event. Look for more details soon on the ICIG's plans to announce and recognize the recipients of the Intelligence Community Inspectors General National Intelligence Professional Awards for their superior performance and exceptional accomplishments at a later date.

Last, but certainly not least, a meeting of this size involves the work of numerous staff, generous support from Forum members and speakers, and close collaboration with our host OIG at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. Please join me in recognizing these individuals and organizations for all of their work. We especially want to express our sincere gratitude to General Paul M. Nakasone, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, and Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service, who generously agreed to serve as the keynote speaker.

Thank you for all that you do every day to serve the American people.

The Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 established the Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. The ICIG's mission is to provide independent and objective oversight of the programs and activities within the responsibility and authority of the Director of National Intelligence, to initiate and conduct independent audits, inspections, investigations, and reviews, and to lead and coordinate the efforts of the Intelligence Community Inspectors General Forum. The ICIG's goal is to have a positive and enduring impact throughout the Intelligence Community, to lead and coordinate the efforts of an integrated Intelligence Community Inspectors General Forum, and to enhance the ability of the United States Intelligence Community to meet national security needs while respecting our nation's laws and reflecting its values.

The Forum consists of the twelve statutory and administrative Inspectors General having oversight responsibility for an element of the Intelligence Community. The Chair of the Forum is the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community.

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