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Office of Audits

During this period, two contract audit reports were published.

Office of Inspections

Inspection of Embassy Tirana, Albania (ISP-I-03-22)

Embassy Tirana continues to grow rapidly. The Department assigns and embassy management seeks new American positions, both direct hires and contract advisors, without regard to administrative support requirements or available space. Mission policies concerning contract advisors are neither transparent nor uniform.

Unaccompanied, one-year tours of duty were replaced by accompanied, two-year assignments. This transition would have been smoother had the embassy had a functional medical unit, community liaison office coordinator, better orientation programs, and more information about local facilities, notably schools.

A generally well-run administrative section needs to improve procedures in procurement and property management.

Office of Security and Intelligence Oversight

During this reporting period, an OIG security inspection report was published for Embassy N'Djamena, Chad.