



**United States Department of State  
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**Inspection of the U.S. Mission  
to International Organizations in Vienna**

The U.S. Mission to International Organizations in Vienna (UNVIE) represents the United States in seven major Vienna-based international organizations: the International Atomic Energy Agency; the United Nations' Office on Drugs and Crime, Office of Outer Space Affairs, Commission on International Trade Law, and Industrial Development Organization; the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization; and the Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies.

Since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, UNVIE's work has moved to the center of U.S. and world attention. UNVIE is tasked with managing a broad range of important and often highly technical issues. They include preventing the spread of dangerous weapons and technologies; combating terrorism, narcotics trafficking, and international crime and corruption; and promoting free trade and investment, sustainable development, and the peaceful use of nuclear power.

UNVIE has effectively worked to advance a key U.S. national security objective, preventing the spread of dangerous weapons and technologies. The mission successfully secured, in February 2006, reporting to the United Nations Security Council by the International Atomic Energy Agency Board of Governors of Iran's failure to abide by its nuclear safeguards program, long a major U.S. objective.

The Ambassador has integrated into the achievement of the mission's key objectives the several agencies represented in UNVIE that are not part of the Department of State, including the Department of Energy's Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Brookhaven National Laboratory.

UNVIE pursues an aggressive public diplomacy program to address key mission themes with a variety of international and Austrian audiences. The Department of State recently designated the post's public affairs officer position for elimination in 2007. Reinstatement of this position is necessary for the continued success of UNVIE's public diplomacy mission.

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**OIG Report ISP-I-07-20A, Inspection of the U.S. Mission to International Organizations in Vienna, Austria**

The fieldwork for this report was conducted by the Office of Inspections in Vienna, Austria, between October 17 and November 3, 2006. This is an unclassified summary of a full report, which receives limited official distribution. Both the report summary and the full report reflect the conditions reviewed during the fieldwork.

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