



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 28, 2020

Case No. FL-2020-00043
FL-2020-00044

Melanie Sloan
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, B255
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Sloan:

As we noted in our letter dated September 16, 2020, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department has identified six additional responsive records subject to the FOIA. We have determined that all six records may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released, and is enclosed

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have questions, you may contact Trial Attorney Indraneel Sur at Indraneel.Sur@usdoj.gov, or by phone at (202) 616-8488. Please refer to the case numbers, FL-2020-00043 and FL-2020-00044, and the civil action number, 20-cv-322, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Weetman
Deputy Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

(b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:

- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
- 1.4(b) Foreign government information
- 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
- 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
- 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
- 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
- 1.4(h) Weapons of mass destruction

(b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency

(b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:

ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
FS ACT	Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004
INA	Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f)
IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

(b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information

(b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product

(b)(6) Personal privacy information

(b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:

- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
- (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
- (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (D) disclose confidential sources
- (E) disclose investigation techniques
- (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual

(b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions

(b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request excised with the agreement of the requester

From: Spencer, Noelle N. EOP/OVP
Sent: Sat, 31 Aug 2019 22:23:14 +0000
To: Spencer, Noelle N. EOP/OVP; Brooks, Kara D. EOP/OVP; Chang, Aaron C. EOP/OVP; Williams, Jennifer L. EOP/OVP; Porter, Macaulay V. EOP/OVP; Rose, Thomas A. EOP/OVP; Dirksen, Ward F. EOP/OVP; Harrison, Joye M. EOP/OVP; Egeland, Sara L. EOP/OVP; Dufour, Tia M. EOP/WHO; Fisher, Garrett C. EOP/OVP; Kristopher W. Rose; Scully, Bethany S. EOP/OVP; Bauer, Zachary C. EOP/OVP; (b)(6) Morgan, Matthew E. EOP/OVP; Cullen, Myles M. EOP/WHO; Farah, Alyssa A. EOP/OVP; Anderson, Alexander J. EOP/WHO; Miller, Darin B. EOP/OVP (b)(6) Kellogg, Joseph Keith K. Jr. EOP/OVP (b)(6) Bolduc, Brian J. EOP/OVP; MacInnis, Hannah F. EOP/OVP; Toner, Jana C. EOP/OVP; Short, Marc T. EOP/OVP
Subject: Re: Traveling Staff/Guest Guidance: Europe OCONUS

All -

Due to several last minute changes, minis will be printed and placed in staff cars upon arrival in Warsaw.

Thank you,

Noelle Spencer

Senior Trip Coordinator

Office of the Vice President

(b)(6) (no text)

On Aug 30, 2019, at 8:26 PM, Spencer, Noelle N. EOP/OVP (b)(6) wrote:

You are receiving this email as confirmed staff member accompanying The Vice President on his trip OCONUS to Europe from 8/31 – 9/5. First and foremost, thank you for your flexibility and patience as we ironed out the details for this trip. Please find information and guidance below.

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Air Force Two (b)(5) Manifest (b)(5); (b)(7)(E)

(b)(5); (b)(6)

Weather in Warsaw, Poland:

Sunday, 9/1: High of 85, low of 66 and sunny (3% precipitation)

Monday, 9/2: High of 85, low of 57, scattered thunderstorms (91% precipitation)

Weather in Shannon, Ireland:

Monday, 9/2: High of 63, low of 56, scattered rain (100% precipitation)

Tuesday, 9/3: High of 65, low of 54, scattered rain (100% precipitation)

Weather in Dublin, Ireland:

Tuesday, 9/3: High of 65, low of 50, scattered rain (100% precipitation)

Weather in Reykjavik, Iceland:

Wednesday, 9/4: High of 53, low of 50, scattered rain (100% precipitation)

Weather in London, United Kingdom:

Wednesday, 9/4: High of 69, low of 54, mostly cloudy (40% precipitation)

Thursday, 9/5: High of 66, low of 55, partly sunny (7% precipitation)

Reach out to me directly should you have additional questions. Further information will be coming tomorrow.

Thank you,

Noelle Spencer

Senior Trip Coordinator

Office of the Vice President

(b)(6)

E2 Travel Authorization

Fri Aug 30 14:38:00 CDT 2019

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE: The following information is provided to comply with the Privacy Act of 1974(P.S. 93-579). The information requested on the form is required under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. Chapter 57(as amended), Executive Orders 11609 of July 22, 1971, and 1102 of March 27, 1962, for the purpose of facilitating authorization action and the request for advance of funds for travel and other expenses to be incurred under administrative. The information contained in this form will be used by the Federal agency officers and employees who have a need for such information in the performance of their duties. Information will be transferred to appropriate Federal, State, local, or foreign agencies when relevant to civil, criminal or regulatory investigations, or prosecutions. Failure to provide the information required will result in delay or suspension of the processing of this form.

Authorization Information

Document Number	Trip Status	Authorization Id	Type of Authorization
2043920989	Authorization Approved	10597332	/Trip-by-Trip Authorization

Traveler	Official Duty Station	Title	Travel Charge Card
(b)(6)	Washington, DC		Yes

Mailing Address	Office Phone	Home Phone
(b)(6) US	(b)(6)	N/A

Type of Travel	Travel Purpose	Estimated Dates of Travel
Special Mission Travel	A/PTS 2043920989 (.3) In Support of Vice President Pence	2019-08-31 thru 2019-09-06

Authorized Itinerary

Cabin Class							
Arrive	Depart	Time	Location	Car	Hotel	Mode	Notes
2019-08-31	2019-08-31	N/A	Washington, DC	NONE	No	GP	
2019-09-01	2019-09-02	N/A	Warsaw, POL	NONE	Yes	GP	Temporary Duty, LDG \$188, M & IE \$90
2019-09-02	2019-09-04	N/A	Shannon, Ireland, IRL	NONE	Yes	GP	Temporary Duty, LDG \$156, M & IE \$98
2019-09-04	2019-09-04	N/A	Reykjavik, ISL	NONE	No	GP	Temporary Duty, LDG \$0, M & IE \$0
2019-09-04	2019-09-05	N/A	London, GBR	NONE	Yes	GP	Temporary Duty, LDG \$288, M & IE \$176
2019-09-06	2019-09-06	N/A	Washington, DC	NONE	No	NONE	

PA-C = Government auto available and committed
 PA-NA = Government auto not available
 PA-NC = Government auto available and not committed

Authorization Expense Totals

Transport	Lodging	Meals & Incidentals	Car Rental	Local Transport	POV	Misc	Grand Total
0.00	1,215.00	837.50	0.00	200.00	0.00	1,042.51	3,295.01

Authorization Accounting Information

Accounting String	Object Code	CBA Amount	Travel Charge Card Amount	Traveler Amount	Auth Amount
Segment Names: Agency/Bureau/Begin Budget Fiscal Yr/Appropriation/Bureau/Allotment/Operating Allowance/Function/Object/Project/Property/Organization/Reporting Category/Obligation Number		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1900/2019/19___901130003/A/2043/NA/6105/2114/NA/NA/201020/NA/2 2114 043920989	15.51	0.0	0.0	15.51
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1900/2019/19___901130003/A/2043/NA/6105/2120/NA/NA/201020/NA/2 2120 043920989	0.0	0.0	3279.5	3279.5
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15.51	0.0	3279.5	3295.01
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Authorization Expense Summary

Location	Expense Category	Expense Type	Amount	Expense Reimbursement
London, GBR	Local Transport	Taxi	200.00	
London, GBR	Lodging	Lodging	427.00	Actual Lodging / Prescribed Meals

Location	Expense Category	Expense Type	Amount	Expense Reimbursement
London, GBR	Meals & Incidentals	Meals Perdiem	484.00	Actual Lodging / Prescribed Meals
London, GBR	Misc	ATM Usage Fee (Charged by Bank)	25.00	
London, GBR	Misc	Currency Conversion Fees	25.00	
London, GBR	Misc	Other Reimbursable Expenses Incurred	627.00	
Shannon, Ireland, IRL	Lodging	Lodging	600.00	Actual Lodging / Prescribed Meals
Shannon, Ireland, IRL	Meals & Incidentals	Meals Perdiem	196.00	Actual Lodging / Prescribed Meals
Warsaw, POL	Lodging	Lodging	188.00	Perdiem
Warsaw, POL	Meals & Incidentals	Meals Perdiem	157.50	Perdiem
Warsaw, POL	Misc	Other Reimbursable Expenses Incurred	350.00	
Washington, DC	Misc	Voucher Transaction Fee	15.51	

Authorization Remarks

Remark Details

Authorization Remarks - Trip ID: 10597332

Arranger - (b)(6) August 30, 2019 at 01:22 PM

ATM Fees and foreign currency fees (including foreign exchange commissions) are authorized (including on non-USG contractor issued travel cards as described in 14 FAM 562.1(a)(2))

Audit/Approver Information

Action	Official	Date / Time
Approved [SA - A/OPR/LS AND A/PTS -]	(b)(6)	2019-08-30

Authorization History

Date	Action
30AUG19 Fri 01:21PM	Copied from 10597310 by (b)(6)
30AUG19 Fri 01:21PM	Created for Minor Customer:A/PTS_INV (SA9908)
30AUG19 Fri 01:22PM	Current status: Pending Authorization Approval
30AUG19 Fri 01:22PM	Trip ID 10597332 submitted to SA - A/OPR/LS AND A/PTS - FUNDS AVL_DISB - AUTH AND VCH APPROVAL Approver by (b)(6)
30AUG19 Fri 02:34PM	(b)(6) locked document for Approval.
30AUG19 Fri 02:34PM	Approving Official (b)(6) authorized Actual for site Shannon, Ireland, IRL (Other)
30AUG19 Fri 02:34PM	Approving Official (b)(6) authorized Actual for site London, United Kingdom
30AUG19 Fri 02:34PM	Current status: Authorization Approved
30AUG19 Fri 02:34PM	Trip ID 10597332 Approved By SA - A/OPR/LS AND A/PTS - FUNDS AVL_DISB - AUTH AND VCH APPROVAL Approver (b)(6)
30AUG19 Fri 02:34PM	Agency successfully notified of event: TripAuthorizationApproved for trip 10597332
30AUG19 Fri 02:34PM	Obligation Request Approved by DOS for Trip Id: 10597332

E2 Travel Authorization

Wed Oct 23 14:00:26 CDT 2019

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Authorization Information

Document Number	Trip Status	Authorization Id	Type of Authorization
100219TO170	Authorization Approved	10578001-2	/Trip-by-Trip Authorization

Traveler	Official Duty Station	Title	Travel Charge Card
KATHERINE C HENDERSON	Washington, DC	Chief of Protoco	No

Mailing Address	Office Phone	Home Phone
(b)(6) US	(b)(6)	N/A

Type of Travel	Travel Purpose	Estimated Dates of Travel
Special Mission Travel	Support for POTUS and VPOTUS in Europe	2019-08-31 thru 2019-09-06

Authorized Itinerary

Cabin Class							
Arrive	Depart	Time	Location	Car	Hotel	Mode	Notes
2019-08-31	2019-08-31	N/A	Washington, DC	NONE	No	GP	
2019-09-01	2019-09-02	N/A	Warsaw, POL	NONE	Yes	GP	Temporary Duty, LDG \$188, M & IE \$90
2019-09-02	2019-09-04	N/A	Shannon, IRL	NONE	Yes	GP	Temporary Duty, LDG \$156, M & IE \$98
2019-09-04	2019-09-04	N/A	Reykjavik, ISL	NONE	No	GP	Temporary Duty, LDG \$0, M & IE \$0
2019-09-04	2019-09-05	N/A	London, GBR	NONE	Yes	GP	Temporary Duty, LDG \$288, M & IE \$176
2019-09-06	2019-09-06	N/A	Washington, DC	NONE	No	NONE	

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Authorization Expense Totals

Transport	Lodging	Meals & Incidentals	Car Rental	Local Transport	POV	Misc	Grand Total
0.00	1,370.00	797.75	0.00	200.00	0.00	800.51	3,168.26

Authorization Accounting Information

Accounting String	Object Code	CBA Amount	Travel Charge Card Amount	Traveler Amount	Auth Amount
Segment Names: Agency/Bureau/Begin Budget Fiscal Yr/Appropriation/Bureau/Allotment/Operating Allowance/Function/Object/Project/Property/Organization/Reporting Category/Obligation Number		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1900/2019/19__901130003/CPR/1002/NA/2132/2111/NA/NA/010200/N 2111 A/100219TO170	15.0	0.0	0.0	15.0
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1900/2019/19__901130003/CPR/1002/NA/2132/2114/NA/NA/010200/N 2114 A/100219TO170	15.51	0.0	0.0	15.51
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0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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Accounting String	Object Code	CBA Amount	Travel Charge Card Amount	Traveler Amount	Auth Amount
1900/2019/19____901130003/CPR/1002/NA/2132/2120/NA/NA/010200/N A/100219TO170	2120	2140.0	0.0	997.75	3137.75

2170.51	0.0	997.75	3168.26
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Authorization Expense Summary

Location	Expense Category	Expense Type	Amount	Expense Reimbursement
London, GBR	Lodging	Lodging	420.00	Actual Lodging / Prescribed Meals
London, GBR	Meals & Incidentals	Meals Perdiem	457.75	Actual Lodging / Prescribed Meals
London, GBR	Misc	Other Reimbursable Expenses Incurred	420.00	
Shannon, IRL	Lodging	Lodging	600.00	Actual Lodging / Prescribed Meals
Shannon, IRL	Meals & Incidentals	Meals Perdiem	196.00	Actual Lodging / Prescribed Meals
Warsaw, POL	Local Transport	Taxi	200.00	
Warsaw, POL	Lodging	Lodging	350.00	Actual Lodging / Prescribed Meals
Warsaw, POL	Meals & Incidentals	Meals Perdiem	144.00	Actual Lodging / Prescribed Meals
Warsaw, POL	Misc	Online Booking Engine Fee	15.00	
Washington, DC	Misc	Other Reimbursable Expenses Incurred	350.00	
Washington, DC	Misc	Voucher Transaction Fee	15.51	

Authorization Remarks

Remark Details

Audit/Approver Information

Action	Official	Date / Time
Approved [SCPR - CPR - REVIEWED - A]	(b)(6)	2019-10-23
Approved [SCPR - CPR - APPROVED - A]		2019-10-23
Approved [SCPR - CPR - FUNDS AVL_FU]		2019-10-23

Authorization History

Date	Action
26AUG19 Mon 12:45PM	Current status New Authorization
26AUG19 Mon 12:45PM	Created by KATHERINE C HENDERSON
26AUG19 Mon 12:45PM	Created for Minor Customer: CPR/FO (SCPR07)
26AUG19 Mon 03:24PM	Current status: Booking In Progress
26AUG19 Mon 03:24PM	Current status: New Authorization
26AUG19 Mon 03:25PM	Current status: Booking In Progress
26AUG19 Mon 03:30PM	Current status: New Authorization
26AUG19 Mon 03:31PM	Current status: Reservations Booked
26AUG19 Mon 03:31PM	Trip 10578001 [VTXRQJ] successfully sent to Agent Intervention for the following reason: Unable to price itinerary.
26AUG19 Mon 03:31PM	System referred Reservation VTXRQJ to Agent.
26AUG19 Mon 03:31PM	Current status: Agent Intervention
26AUG19 Mon 03:31PM	(VTXRQJ) Booked Total Air Amount: 0.00 USD with fare type /
26AUG19 Mon 03:31PM	EBooking Completed by KATHERINE C HENDERSON [VTXRQJ]
27AUG19 Tue 08:12AM	Processed Agent Intervention Response for PNR [VTXRQJ].
27AUG19 Tue 08:12AM	Current status: Reservations Booked
27AUG19 Tue 12:10PM	Processed Agent Intervention Response for PNR [VTXRQJ].
27AUG19 Tue 04:20PM	Processed Agent Intervention Response for PNR [VTXRQJ].
27AUG19 Tue 10:46PM	Processed Agent Intervention Response for PNR [VTXRQJ].
28AUG19 Wed 04:34PM	Current status: Booking In Progress
28AUG19 Wed 04:41PM	Current status: Reservations Booked
28AUG19 Wed 04:41PM	(VJLNDG) Booked Total Air Amount: 1247.80 USD with fare type /
28AUG19 Wed 04:41PM	EBooking Completed by KATHERINE C HENDERSON [VJLNDG]
29AUG19 Thu 09:23AM	Processed Agent Intervention Response for PNR [VJLNDG].
29AUG19 Thu 09:37AM	Current status: Pending Authorization Approval
29AUG19 Thu 09:37AM	Trip ID 10578001 submitted to SCPR - CPR - REVIEWED - AUTH AND VCH APPROVAL Approver by HENDERSON, KATHERINE C

Date	Action
29AUG19 Thu 09:37AM	Justification code submitted by HENDERSON, KATHERINE C - Justification for Contract Carrier Fare: Contract fare used/no contract fare exists
29AUG19 Thu 09:37AM	Justification code submitted by HENDERSON, KATHERINE C - Justification for CABINCLASS - Coach: Within policy
29AUG19 Thu 09:37AM	Justification code submitted by HENDERSON, KATHERINE C - Justification for Fly America Act: Use of foreign air deemed necessity
29AUG19 Thu 09:37AM	Justification code submitted by HENDERSON, KATHERINE C - Justification for Hotel Rate Over Per Diem: Lowest rate for authorized room type
29AUG19 Thu 09:41AM	(b)(6) locked document for Approval.
29AUG19 Thu 09:44AM	Trip ID 10578001 Approved By SCPR - CPR - REVIEWED - AUTH AND VCH APPROVAL Approver (b)(6)
29AUG19 Thu 09:44AM	Trip ID 10578001 Submitted to SCPR - CPR - APPROVED - AUTH AND VCH APPROVAL by System
29AUG19 Thu 12:32PM	(b)(6) locked document for Approval.
29AUG19 Thu 12:32PM	Trip ID 10578001 Approved By SCPR - CPR - APPROVED - AUTH AND VCH APPROVAL Approver (b)(6)
29AUG19 Thu 12:32PM	Trip ID 10578001 Submitted to SCPR - CPR - FUNDS AVL_FUNDS DISB - AUTH AND VCH APPROVAL by System
29AUG19 Thu 12:40PM	(b)(6) locked document for Approval.
29AUG19 Thu 12:41PM	Approving Official (b)(6) authorized Actual for site Warsaw, Poland
29AUG19 Thu 12:41PM	Approving Official (b)(6) authorized Actual for site Reykjavik, Iceland
29AUG19 Thu 12:41PM	Approving Official (b)(6) authorized Actual for site London, United Kingdom
29AUG19 Thu 12:41PM	Approving Official (b)(6) authorized Actual for site Dublin, Ireland
29AUG19 Thu 12:41PM	Current status: Authorization Approved
29AUG19 Thu 12:41PM	Trip ID 10578001 Approved By SCPR - CPR - FUNDS AVL_FUNDS DISB - AUTH AND VCH APPROVAL Approver (b)(6)
29AUG19 Thu 12:41PM	TMC notified of event after Final Approval: SendFundingData for Reservation [VJLNDG]
29AUG19 Thu 12:41PM	TMC notified of event after Final Approval: SendFundingData for Reservation [VTXRQJ]
29AUG19 Thu 12:41PM	Agency successfully notified of event: TripAuthorizationApproved for trip 10578001
29AUG19 Thu 12:41PM	Obligation Request Approved by DOS for Trip Id: 10578001
29AUG19 Thu 12:53PM	Ticket 0807450746909 for 1245.80 USD on LOT Polish Airlines has been issued by the TMC.
12SEP19 Thu 12:56PM	Current status: Amended
12SEP19 Thu 12:56PM	Created by KATHERINE C HENDERSON
12SEP19 Thu 12:56PM	Created for Minor Customer:CPR/FO (SCPR07)
12SEP19 Thu 12:56PM	Per diem rate has changed for the following location - Dublin, Ireland

Date	Action
12SEP19 Thu 12:57PM	Reservation VJLNDG retrieved by KATHERINE C HENDERSON
12SEP19 Thu 12:57PM	Reservation VTXRQJ retrieved by KATHERINE C HENDERSON
12SEP19 Thu 12:57PM	Refresh Reservation Details [VJLNDG, VTXRQJ] from Trip 10578001-1 by KATHERINE C HENDERSON
12SEP19 Thu 01:08PM	Current status: Pending Authorization Approval
12SEP19 Thu 01:08PM	Trip ID 10578001-1 submitted to SCPR - CPR - REVIEWED - AUTH AND VCH APPROVAL Approver by HENDERSON, KATHERINE C
12SEP19 Thu 01:08PM	Justification code submitted by HENDERSON, KATHERINE C - Justification for Hotel Rate Over Per Diem: Lowest rate for authorized room type
13SEP19 Fri 09:56AM	(b)(6) locked document for Approval.
13SEP19 Fri 09:56AM	Trip ID 10578001-1 Approved By SCPR - CPR - REVIEWED - AUTH AND VCH APPROVAL Approver (b)(6)
13SEP19 Fri 09:56AM	Trip ID 10578001-1 Submitted to SCPR - CPR - APPROVED - AUTH AND VCH APPROVAL by System
13SEP19 Fri 10:38AM	(b)(6) locked document for Approval.
13SEP19 Fri 10:38AM	Trip ID 10578001-1 Approved By SCPR - CPR - APPROVED - AUTH AND VCH APPROVAL Approver (b)(6)
13SEP19 Fri 10:38AM	Trip ID 10578001-1 Submitted to SCPR - CPR - FUNDS AVL_FUNDS DISB - AUTH AND VCH APPROVAL by System
13SEP19 Fri 10:43AM	(b)(6) locked document for Approval.
13SEP19 Fri 10:43AM	Approving Official (b)(6) authorized Actual for site Warsaw, Poland
13SEP19 Fri 10:43AM	Approving Official (b)(6) authorized Actual for site Shannon, IRL (Other)
13SEP19 Fri 10:43AM	Current status: Authorization Approved
13SEP19 Fri 10:43AM	Trip ID 10578001-1 Approved By SCPR - CPR - FUNDS AVL_FUNDS DISB - AUTH AND VCH APPROVAL Approver (b)(6)
13SEP19 Fri 10:43AM	Agency successfully notified of event: TripAuthorizationApproved for trip 10578001-1
13SEP19 Fri 10:43AM	Obligation Request Approved by DOS for Trip Id: 10578001-1
04OCT19 Fri 01:17PM	Voucher 1 created by KATHERINE C HENDERSON
04OCT19 Fri 01:17PM	Created for Minor Customer:CPR/FO (SCPR07)
04OCT19 Fri 01:18PM	Trip 10578001-1 Voucher 1 current status: Pending Voucher Approval
04OCT19 Fri 01:18PM	Voucher ID 1 submitted to SCPR - CPR - REVIEWED - AUTH AND VCH APPROVAL Approver by HENDERSON, KATHERINE C
22OCT19 Tue 09:57AM	Trip 10578001-1 Voucher 1 current status: Voucher Revised
22OCT19 Tue 09:57AM	Voucher recalled by HENDERSON, KATHERINE C
23OCT19 Wed 11:22AM	Current status: Amended

Date	Action
23OCT19 Wed 11:22AM	Created by KATHERINE C HENDERSON
23OCT19 Wed 11:22AM	Created for Minor Customer:CPR/FO (SCPR07)
23OCT19 Wed 11:56AM	Current status: Pending Authorization Approval
23OCT19 Wed 11:56AM	Trip ID 10578001-2 submitted to SCPR - CPR - REVIEWED - AUTH AND VCH APPROVAL Approver by HENDERSON, KATHERINE C
23OCT19 Wed 11:56AM	Justification code submitted by HENDERSON, KATHERINE C - Justification for Hotel Rate Over Per Diem: Lowest rate for authorized room type
23OCT19 Wed 01:12PM	(b)(6) locked document for Approval.
23OCT19 Wed 01:12PM	Trip ID 10578001-2 Approved By SCPR - CPR - REVIEWED - AUTH AND VCH APPROVAL Approver (b)(6)
23OCT19 Wed 01:12PM	Trip ID 10578001-2 Submitted to SCPR - CPR - APPROVED - AUTH AND VCH APPROVAL by System
23OCT19 Wed 01:20PM	(b)(6) locked document for Approval.
23OCT19 Wed 01:21PM	Trip ID 10578001-2 Approved By SCPR - CPR - APPROVED - AUTH AND VCH APPROVAL Approver (b)(6)
23OCT19 Wed 01:21PM	Trip ID 10578001-2 Submitted to SCPR - CPR - FUNDS AVL_FUNDS DISB - AUTH AND VCH APPROVAL by System
23OCT19 Wed 01:59PM	(b)(6) locked document for Approval.
23OCT19 Wed 01:59PM	Approving Official (b)(6) authorized Actual for site Warsaw, Poland
23OCT19 Wed 01:59PM	Approving Official (b)(6) authorized Actual for site Shannon, IRL (Other)
23OCT19 Wed 01:59PM	Approving Official (b)(6) authorized Actual for site London, United Kingdom
23OCT19 Wed 01:59PM	Current status: Authorization Approved
23OCT19 Wed 01:59PM	Trip ID 10578001-2 Approved By SCPR - CPR - FUNDS AVL_FUNDS DISB - AUTH AND VCH APPROVAL Approver (b)(6)
23OCT19 Wed 01:59PM	Agency successfully notified of event: TripAuthorizationApproved for trip 10578001-2
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Authorization Information

Document Number	Trip Status	Authorization Id	Type of Authorization
100219TO178	Closed Voucher	10626391	/Trip-by-Trip Authorization

Traveler	Official Duty Station	Title	Travel Charge Card
(b)(6)	Washington, DC	(b)(6)	No

Mailing Address	Office Phone	Home Phone
(b)(6) US	(b)(6)	N/A

Type of Travel	Travel Purpose	Estimated Dates of Travel
Special Mission Travel	Support for VPOTUS and POTUS Travel To Europe	2019-08-31 thru 2019-09-06

Authorized Itinerary

Cabin Class							
Arrive	Depart	Time	Location	Car	Hotel	Mode	Notes
2019-08-31	2019-08-31	N/A	Washington, DC	NONE	No	GP	
2019-09-01	2019-09-02	N/A	Warsaw, POL	NONE	Yes	GP	Temporary Duty, LDG \$188, M & IE \$90
2019-09-02	2019-09-03	N/A	Shannon, IRL	NONE	Yes	GP	Temporary Duty, LDG \$156, M & IE \$98
2019-09-03	2019-09-03	N/A	Dublin, IRL	NONE	No	GP	Temporary Duty, LDG \$0, M & IE \$0
2019-09-03	2019-09-04	N/A	Shannon, IRL	NONE	Yes	GP	Temporary Duty, LDG \$156, M & IE \$98
2019-09-04	2019-09-04	N/A	Reykjavik, ISL	NONE	No	GP	Temporary Duty, LDG \$0, M & IE \$0
2019-09-04	2019-09-05	N/A	London, GBR	NONE	Yes	GP	Temporary Duty, LDG \$288, M & IE \$176

PA-C = Government auto available and committed
 PA-NA = Government auto not available
 PA-NC = Government auto available and not committed

Arrive	Depart	Time	Location	Car	Hotel	Mode	Notes
2019-09-06	2019-09-06	N/A	Washington, DC	NONE	No	NONE	

PA-C = Government auto available and committed

PA-NA = Government auto not available

PA-NC = Government auto available and not committed

Authorization Expense Totals

Transport	Lodging	Meals & Incidentals	Car Rental	Local Transport	POV	Misc	Grand Total
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Category/Obligation Number

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London, GBR	Meals & Incidentals	Meals Perdiem	484.00	Actual Lodging / Prescribed Meals
Shannon, IRL	Lodging	Lodging	936.00	Actual Lodging / Prescribed Meals
Shannon, IRL	Meals & Incidentals	Meals Perdiem	196.00	Actual Lodging / Prescribed Meals
Warsaw, POL	Lodging	Lodging	564.00	Actual Lodging / Prescribed Meals
Warsaw, POL	Meals & Incidentals	Meals Perdiem	157.50	Actual Lodging / Prescribed Meals
Warsaw, POL	Misc	Online Booking Engine Fee	15.00	
Washington, DC	Local Transport	Transportation Network Company - Lyft/Uber	10.00	
Washington, DC	Misc	Voucher Transaction Fee	15.51	

Authorization Remarks

Remark Details

Voucher Remarks - Voucher ID: 10626391(1)

Traveler - (b)(6)

September 10, 2019 at 03:13 PM

Remark Details

I hereby assign to the United States any right I may have against any parties in connection with reimbursable transportation charges described below, purchased under cash payment procedures (41CFR 101-41.203-2). I certify that this voucher is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that payment or credit has not been received by me.

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Political News:

Vice President Pence – President Zelenskyy Meeting in Warsaw: On September 1, U.S. Vice President Mike Pence met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Warsaw on the margins of memorial events to mark the 80th anniversary of the beginning of World War II. Media report President Zelenskyy told Vice President Pence that the new Ukrainian government intends to launch major reforms within the first year of its operation. "Frankly, we don't want to wait. We want to launch all the major reforms that Ukrainian society expects in the first year of our power," Zelenskyy said as saying. ([UkrPravda](#)) Pence also was quoted as saying, "We have an opportunity to discuss energy issues. First issue of Ukraine's energy independence and our possible cooperation in both energy and economy." ([Interfax](#)) Pence assured Zelenskyy that the United States would not change its position on maintaining Ukraine's territorial integrity and sovereignty. ([UkrPravda](#)) According to the press service of the President of Ukraine, Zelenskyy and Pence also discussed Zelenskyy's upcoming visit to the United States and his meeting with President Trump. ([Interfax](#))

Ukraine – Russia Relations: President Zelenskyy spoke about talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin in a 1+1 TV channel interview on August 31, noting the Foreign Ministry did not want such talks to occur at first. "I was very reluctant...My predecessor's [MFA] leadership did not want to let my talks with the Russian president to occur. For them it has been a political issue, whereas for me it's been a human one," he said. ([Ukr Pravda](#)) Media also reported that Zelenskyy said he hopes to meet Putin in the Normandy format. "This will be our personal meeting [with Putin] in the Normandy format. Our side has planned it," Zelensky said to 1+1. "We can agree on something and sign something most important" only looking into each other's eyes and in the presence of Western leaders, he said. ([Interfax](#))

Local Elections: Media reported on President Zelenskyy's comments on local elections. He expects local elections to be held on a new administrative-territorial basis in 2019-2020, media noted. Immediate completion of the decentralization process, including amendments to the Constitution, transfer of real power, resources and finances on the ground, and of sectoral decentralization ... Define the final rules for the formation of the state administrative-territorial structure, strengthen the borders of each administrative-territorial unit, complete the unification of territorial communities, reform local executive authorities, which, among other things, will control the legality of the decisions of the newly created local authorities. To hold local elections on a new administrative-territorial basis," Zelensky said at a meeting with representatives of the government, parliament and law enforcement in Kyiv on Monday. ([Interfax](#))

Other Domestic Ukrainian Political Updates: Media reported on President Zelenskyy's comments on passing a new Rada. "Unfortunately, not all parties want to work for the sake of the society. But I think that we will find a way and if we don't find it, we will pass laws independently. Because we promised our voters," Zelensky said at a meeting with government, parliament and law enforcement representatives in Kyiv September 2. ([Ukr Pravda](#)) Media also reported that the Rada's Committee on Legal Policy green lighted the removal of immunity for MPs, media reported. The Committee

recommends the Rada approve as a priority the bill submitted by the president to amend Article 80 of the Constitution concerning the immunity for people's deputies. ([Ukr Pravda](#)) In other domestic political news, media reported that of the new government will be closed to journalists. "Government meetings should not be turned into shows. They will change the format of government meetings. We will communicate with the press based on the results of the Prime Minister Honcharuk said at a government meeting on September 2. ([Ukr Pravda](#))

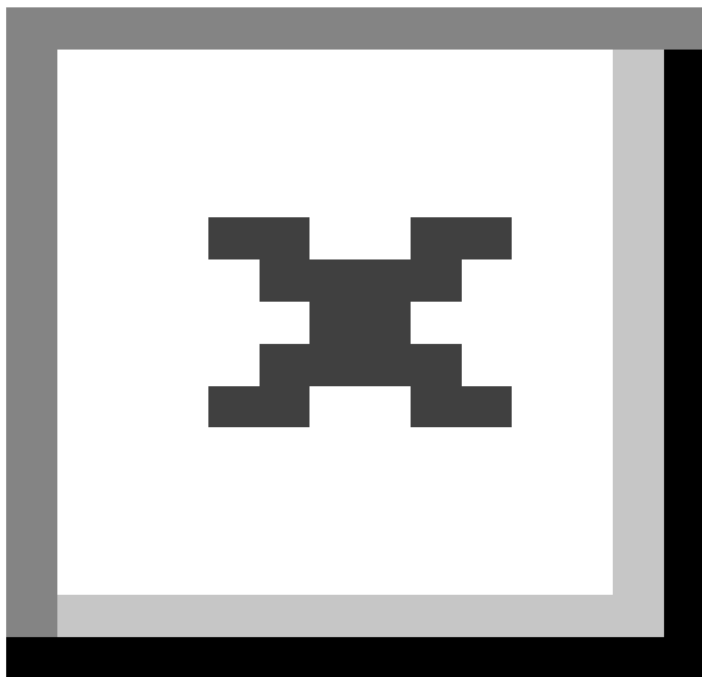
Donbas Conflict Updates:

- MoD update as of 12:30, September 3, 2019:

- 15 RLF ceasefire violations in the past 24 hours. Attacks becoming more intensive, with more widespread Minsk-proscribed weapons;
- Donetsk sector: 12 RLF attacks, including 122-mm howitzers, 82-mm and 120-mm mortars in Lebedynske, Pavlopil, Vodiane, Hnutove, Krasnihorivka and Novotroitske;
- Luhansk sector: 3 RLF SALW attacks in Novotoshivske, Novozvanivka and Khutir Vilny;
- UAF combat losses in the past 24 hours: 1 KIA, 1 WIA;
- UAF combat losses September 2: 1 KIA, 0 WIA;
- UAF combat losses September 1: 0 KIA, 1 WIA;
- UAF combat losses August 31: 1 KIA, 1 WIA.

Map as of September 3:

<http://www.mil.gov.ua/assets/images/resources/52168/fcc91d108332ece054fe1108d3579451da54b09c.jpg>



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Economic News:

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U.S., Ukraine, Poland Sign Memorandum of Cooperation in Warsaw: Ukraine, Poland and the United States 31 signed a Memorandum of Cooperation in the gas sector, National Security and Defense Council (NSDC) of Ukraine Oleksandr Danyliuk said. “At a meeting with U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry, which preceded the signing of the Memorandum, we discussed the importance of diversifying the risks dictated by dependence on Russian gas supply for Ukraine and Poland. One of the steps to ensure energy independence of our state will be the supply of liquefied natural gas through Poland,” Danyliuk wrote on Facebook. ([KyivPost](#)) Media report Secretary Perry also said the United States will continue to tighten sanctions against Russia. ([UkrPravda](#))

Chinese Ambassador to Ukraine Responds to NSA Bolton on Motor Sich: On August 30, Ambassador of China to Ukraine Du Wei held a press conference in response to National Security Advisor John Bolton’s comments about

The United States should not interfere in the domestic and foreign affairs of Ukraine, or demand that Kyiv choose between the U.S and China, media report Wei said. The Chinese Ambassador called Bolton's statements about the "One Belt, One Road" initiative irresponsible when he referred to China's initiative as "debt diplomacy." "We are confident that the advance of 'One Belt, One Road' China and Ukraine will have in the future more cooperation projects," he said. (UkrPravda) Chinese Ambassador also noted that "this is just an ordinary transaction, commercial activity...we do not participate, we do not interfere in this." (UkrPravda)

President Zelenskyy's Strategic Tasks: Media reported on President Zelenskyy's comments to the new Cabinet on strategic tasks for the government, including:

- a new law for a private farmland market drafted by October 1;
- abolition of the 2001 moratorium on private farmland sales by December 1;
- fully free foreign exchange regime, prepared this year, implemented next year;
- bills on legalizing casinos and amber mining presented to the Rada by October 1, passed by December 1;
- concession laws to allow for private-public partnerships in infrastructure;
- abolition of the current list of state companies not eligible for privatization and drawing up a new, shorter list by October 1;
- a law to stimulate investments and strengthening protections of foreign investment by January 1;
- a bill to counter corporate raiding, protect property, increase data protection for real estate registries by October 1;
- a draft labor liberalization bill by January 1;
- preparation and passing of a bill on the Financial Investigation Service by December 1;
- the 2020 state budget presented to the Rada by September 15;
- launch of the new State Customs Service by December 1;
- gas and oil production sharing agreements with winners of competitions for subsoil use signed by December 1;
- the 30 most popular government services for citizens and businesses switched to electronic form by January 1;
- purging the judiciary – vet and hire 2,000 new judges - and "the most corrupt state agencies" (Geodesy, Cadastre, and Cadastral, Geology and Subsoil, Architectural and Construction Inspectorate, Environmental Protection, Fire Safety, and Highway Agency) by January 1. (BBC-Ukrainian)

PM Honcharuk's Comments on Goals: Media reported on an interview by Prime Minister Oleksiy Honcharuk in which he cited goals of doubling economic growth, cutting consumer interest rates in half, to 12 to 13 percent; revising laws on carrying out road repairs; cracking down on smuggling; providing a one-time amnesty on tax bills; holding a national election and privatizing state companies. (UkrPravda) Media also noted the government targets 5 percent GDP growth in 2021 and at least 7 percent growth each year from 2021-2024. (RBC.ua, Interfax)

Draft Laws on Tech Industry and E-Government: Kyiv Post reported, quoting Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Digital Transformation Mykhailo Fedorov, that 37 new draft laws for Ukraine's tech industry and e-government have been drafted, with advice from Estonia. These bills focus on topics including cybersecurity, e-residency, extending 40-hour workweek in rural areas and converting Ukraine's 250 paper registries into online registries. (Kyiv Post)

New Trade Representative: Media report Ukraine's new trade representative is Taras Kachka, who ran the American Chamber of Commerce in 2014-2015. Kachka, who also has been associated with the International Renaissance Foundation in Kyiv, will be Deputy Minister of Economic Development, Trade, and Agriculture. (UkrPravda)

Western Media Roundup:

Please see the attached Word document for the full text of the following Western media articles relating to Ukraine and the region.

- Ukraine PM targets economic growth of 5% next year (Reuters)
- Ukraine president plans land reform, large privatizations (Reuters)

- Zelensky demands swift end to Ukraine ban on farmland sales ([FT](#))
- Time for Europe to Do More to Help Ukraine, Pence Says ([Bloomberg](#))
- U.S. Vice President Pence calls for vigilance about Russia ([Reuters](#))
- US avows support for Ukraine after Trump backs Russia in G7 ([WP](#))
- Pence critical of Russia — days after Trump advocates inclusion at next G-7 summit ([WP](#))
- Pence: United States Will Continue To Support Ukraine ([RFE/RL](#))
- First Female Class Starts At Prestigious Kyiv Military School ([RFE/RL](#))
- Want Investors to Take Ukraine Seriously? The Solution Is Obvious ([The Atlantic Council](#))
- Ukraine is new battleground in US-China fight for influence ([Nikkei Asian Review](#))
- U.S. Senators Blacklisted In Russia Say They'll Visit Ukraine, The Balkans ([RFE/RL](#))
- Ukraine Is Struggling to Make Sense of Trump and Bolton's Conflicting Messages on Russia ([Time](#))
- Russia Wants Ukraine To Hand Over Mh17 Key Witness: Report ([NL Times](#))

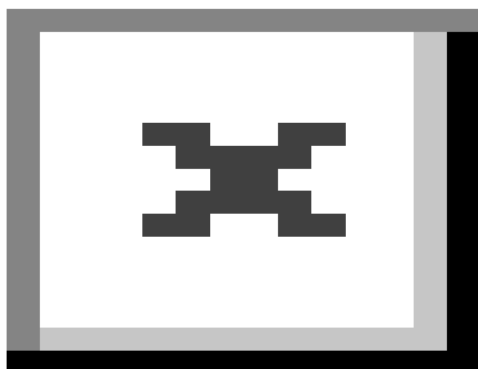
Ukrainian Social Media Commentary:

This morning, Ukrainian social media users were closely monitoring today's Rada [session](#), as MPs were expected to vote on the bill [#7203](#) on changing the Constitution to strip MPs of immunity from prosecution. [Note: The bill passed at 317-10. End Note.]

Servant of the People party [posted](#), "Today is a day that might go down in history. After 15 years of promises, the Rada should finally lift parliamentary immunity. The immunity was a cover for MPs. A protective glove that allowed them to spend hot government money without risking burns. We do not need such a cover." Petro Poroshenko [live streamed](#) his speech from the Rada, voicing his support for bill [#7203](#), which he drafted.

Bloggers and opinion leaders are polarized over the issue of parliamentary immunity. Journalist Mustafa Nayyer [wrote](#) this time, immunity served as a cover for crimes and has now become a symbol of hypocrisy and resistance [to change]. "This Carthage must be destroyed - immunity in its present form should be limited." Blogger Karl Volokh voiced [disagreement](#), "The [MP immunity] is one of the core components that allowed for not only full-fledged parliamentary political life in Ukraine in previous decades, but also for the relatively bloodless success of civil protests, where MPs have traditionally played an important role."

Blogger Valeriy Pekar [wrote](#), "I am against the removal of parliamentary immunity, because it creates conditions for political persecution of opponents, but first and foremost for exerting pressure on one's own party members. I understand that this is what the majority of the population wants, but it also wants to dismantle the bourgeois, abolish all reforms that allow people to refuse vaccinations."



Screenshot: Photo of a Rada session, Servant of the People, [Facebook](#)

Notable U.S. Embassy Kyiv Social Media Content:

- U.S. Embassy Kyiv [tweeted](#) about Vice President Pence’s meeting with President Zelenskyy of Ukraine to discuss security, energy, economic growth and progress of Zelenskyy’s reform agenda.
- U.S. Embassy Kyiv [reposted](#) Energy Secretary Rick Perry’s publication stating that the Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S.A., Poland, and Ukraine is an amazing “win” for the energy security, the economic security, and the national security of all three countries.
- U.S. Embassy Kyiv [reposted](#) Energy Secretary Rick Perry’s publication about signing together with Polish Prime Minister Piotr Naimski and Ukrainian Secretary Oleksandr Danyliuk a Memorandum of Cooperation to promote energy security through natural gas supplies, including U.S. LNG.
- U.S. Embassy Kyiv [reposted](#) Secretary Rick Perry publication about having a productive bilateral meeting with the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine Secretary Oleksandr Danyliuk and Ukraine’s new Energy Minister Oleksiy Orzhel. The Facebook post was picked up by [Liga Business](#), [Obozrevatel](#), [Gordon.ua](#),
- U.S. Embassy Kyiv [retweeted](#) National Security Adviser John Bolton about being pleased to hold a conversation with Polish, Ukrainian, and Belarusian counterparts in Warsaw.
- On Ukrainian Knowledge Day, U.S. Embassy Kyiv [released](#) a video about Learn to Discern program that encourages Ukrainian students to take a closer, critical look at the information they consume.
- U.S. Embassy Kyiv [retweeted](#) U.S. Embassy Warsaw about Vice President Pence joining representatives from several countries to pay respects to victims of World War II.
- On Labor Day, U.S. Embassy Kyiv [released](#) a [Medium article](#) to mark the 125th anniversary of the holiday.
- U.S. Embassy Kyiv [posted](#) pictures of U.S. Embassy representatives joining residents of Odesa at the “Happy City” Odesa Pride march. As all LGBT-related publications on our platforms, this one incited heated discussion with around 160 comments on Facebook, 10 comments on Instagram and 5 comments on Twitter.

- U.S. Embassy Kyiv reposted the State Department spokesperson's video about celebrating this fall a number of historical events connected with the 30th anniversary of the revolutions of 1989
- U.S. Embassy Kyiv retweeted the G7 Ambassadors welcoming the appointment of the Prime Minister, the Ministers, the new General Prosecutor and the Chief of SBU and wishing them, as well as the Rada, success in their duty and remain ready to cooperate with them to deliver reforms for the Ukrainian people.
- U.S. Embassy Kyiv released another episode of Consular Q&A where a consular officer explained what documents are needed for a visa to be approved.
- U.S. Embassy Kyiv encouraged its Facebook followers to participate in an EducationUSA Ukraine survey about higher education in the United States.
- U.S. Embassy Kyiv posted pictures of U.S. Embassy representatives and Peace Corps volunteers participating in a Run for the Fallen 5Ks across Ukraine last weekend.
- U.S. Embassy Kyiv posted CDA Taylor's remarks and photos from a rep event with journalists held at the White House August 29.

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Political News:

Call between Vice President Pence and President Zelenskyy: Media reported Vice President Pence and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy spoke by phone September 18 and expressed satisfaction with the level of political dialogue and cooperation in defense and energy between Ukraine and the United States. Zelenskyy thanked Vice President Pence for his role in the decision to continue security assistance for Ukraine and “stressed the importance of the support provided by the United States to strengthen Ukraine's defense capability and reform the national security and defense sector” the Ukrainian presidential website reported. The parties also noted the fruitful development of U.S.-Ukrainian cooperation in the energy sector and spoke in favor of its further active expansion. Media reports also noted Zelenskyy briefed Vice President Pence on anti-corruption reforms in Ukraine, and the Vice President commended the Zelenskyy administration for its efforts to tackle corruption through legislative reforms and offered full U.S. support for those efforts. ([Interfax](#), [Ukrainian Presidential Readout](#), [White House Readout](#))

Special Status for Ukraine’s Eastern Territories: Media reported on Foreign Minister Vadym Prystayko’s comments September 18 about the Normandy Format and elections in the Donbas. Prystayko noted that the Normandy Four advisers agreed in Berlin earlier this month on a text that specified the entry into force of a special status law in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions only after an OSCE assessment of local elections there. ([Interfax](#)) “We agreed on the Steinmeier formula at the [Normandy Four] advisers meeting on September, and I can cite what I agreed with. The Law on [Donbas] special status takes effect in a tentative format at the moment when elections are held, but it comes into its full force after an OSCE/ODIHR decision [that elections were fair]”, Prystaiko said. He stressed that for elections to be held in occupied Donbas, adequate security conditions should first be ensured. “First, necessary security conditions are ensured, and only then elections are held, President Zelenskyy made it clear,” Prystaiko said. ([Ukr Pravda](#))

Media also reported that Ukrainian Representative to the Trilateral Contact Group Leonid Kuchma said September 18 in Minsk that the implementation of the Steinmeier formula is possible only if a number of points are fulfilled. “The Ukrainian representative in the TCG said that the Ukrainian side has no major objections to the essence of the so-called ‘Steinmeier formula’ regarding local elections. But the formula can only materialize if the following conditions are met: a comprehensive ceasefire, the OSCE SMM’s [Special Monitoring Mission] effective monitoring throughout Ukraine; armed units of foreign troops and military hardware are withdrawn from Ukraine; disengagement along the entire contact line; the Central Election Commission of Ukraine, Ukrainian political parties, media outlets and foreign observers are effectively operating [in Donbas]; [Kyiv] has regained control over the section of the Russian-Ukrainian

border currently uncontrolled by Ukraine; some other provisions of Ukrainian and international laws and the Minsk Agreements are complied with," Kuchma's press secretary Olifer wrote on Facebook. ([Interfax](#))

Peacekeeping Mission in the Donbas is "Plan B": Media reported on comments by Foreign Minister Vadym Prystayko that a peacekeeping mission in the Donbas is a Plan B if the Minsk agreements fail. "Our proposal is to try to solve our situation on the basis of the Minsk agreements, which were concluded. If we are unsuccessful and we encounter complete resistance to move further, a possible next step will be a peacekeeping mission," Prystaiko said at a joint meeting of the Rada committees on foreign policy and Ukraine's integration with the European Union September 18. Peacekeeping missions have helped settle conflicts in a very few instances in history, Prystaiko said. "In an overwhelming majority of instances, history shows that these missions produce frozen conflicts, often for decades," he said. ([Hromadske](#))

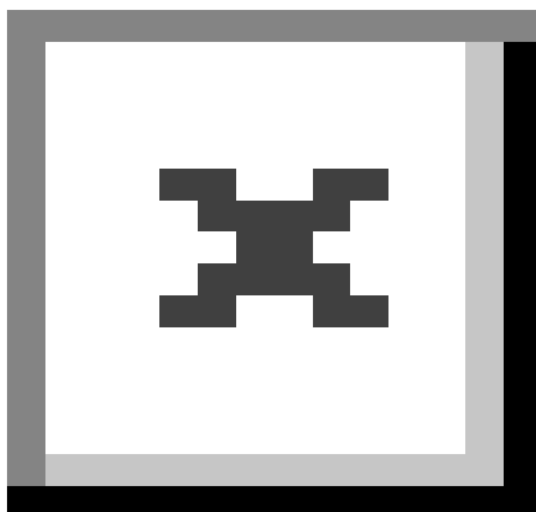
Donbas Conflict Updates:

- MoD update as of 12:30, September 19, 2019:

- 5 RLF ceasefire violations in the past 24 hours;
- Donetsk sector: 3 RLF attacks, all SALW, in Berezove and Vodiane;
- Luhansk sector: 2 RLF attacks, all SALW, in Travneve and Krymske;
- UAF combat losses in the past 24 hours: None;

Map as of September 19:

<http://www.mil.gov.ua/assets/images/resources/52565/11527c0f9c1b6ea642116230441de5d8333ace6e.jpg>



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Economic News:

- **Russia-Ukraine-EU Gas Transit Talks:** Media report Russia-Ukraine-EU gas transit talks are beginning today in Brussels, as the 10-year gas transit pack is set to expire January 1. Media report, citing Ukrainian Energy Minister Oleksiy Orzhel, that Ukraine backs the EU proposal of a minimum annual gas flow of 60 billion cubic meters, with 30 bcm of additional flexibility. ([Reuters](#), [Ukrinform](#))

Unbundling: Media report the Cabinet of Ministers voted September 18 to comply with EU energy laws and unbundle Naftogaz pipelines from gas production. Now, the Finance Ministry controls a new state company, Gas Pipelines of Ukraine. “We have created an independent operator in full compliance with European legislation,” Prime Minister Oleksiy Honcharuk said. “This will open up the opportunity to attract investment in the Ukrainian gas transportation system.” (Ukraine Business News email, [Economic Pravda](#))

Investigation into Former Head of NBU Gontareva: The Rada Rules Committee recommends the Verkhovna Rada set up a provisional investigatory commission to investigate the actions of the National Bank leadership and the Deposit Guarantee Fund in 2014-2019. The corresponding draft resolution was submitted by Servant of the People MP Oleksandr Dubinsky. According to the explanatory note, one of the main tasks of this commission will be to investigate the actions of the NBU management and the Deposit Guarantee Fund, which resulted in: the bankruptcy of banks, conditions for the appropriation of banks' assets at their liquidation phase, damage to depositors and creditors, the appropriation of budgetary

funds, a significant devaluation of the national currency. Based on the results of the investigation, the commission will make appropriate proposals to the Rada, the Cabinet of Ministers, the National Bank and the Deposit Guarantee Fund. The commission will also initiate efforts to bring those responsible for wrongdoing to justice, media report. ([Ukr Pravda](#))

National Bank Purchases in Interbank Foreign Exchange Market: Media report the National Bank of Ukraine purchased \$312.5 million in the interbank foreign exchange market during the first two weeks of September, in an effort to hold back the strengthening hryvnia. The hryvnia is at a three-year high relative to the dollar, media note. ([Ukrinform](#))

Economic Growth Statistics: UNIAN reports the State Statistics Service of Ukraine has confirmed the earlier released estimate of real GDP growth in Ukraine in the second quarter of 2019 year-on-year by 4.6%. The State Statistics Service says real GDP growth compared with the previous quarter amounted to 1.6%, taking into account the seasonal factor, which also corresponds to a previously published estimate. ([UNIAN](#))

Western Media Roundup:

Please see the attached Word document for the full text of the following Western media articles relating to Ukraine and the surrounding region.

- U.S. Lawmakers Invite Ukraine's Former National Bank Chief After Reports Of Attacks ([RFE/RL](#))
- Ukraine struggles to shake off the influence of oligarchs ([FT](#))
- Ukraine Police: Man Detained Who Threatened To Blow Up Bridge, Fired Shots ([RFE/RL](#))
- Ukraine: Police seize man threatening to blow up Kyiv bridge ([WP](#))
- Ukraine will support EU's Sefcovic proposal at gas talks ([Reuters](#))
- Russia-Ukraine Gas Talks Resume as EU Seeks to Avert Supply Cut ([Bloomberg](#))
- Bulgaria signs up Saudi-led group for TurkStream gas pipeline extension ([Reuters](#))
- U.S. Says Moscow Used 'Sham' NGOs At OSCE Forum To Promote Claim Crimea Belongs To Russia ([RFE/RL](#))
- Top Kyiv City Official In 'Serious' Condition After Attack ([RFE/RL](#))
- What holds Ukraine back ([The Atlantic Council](#))
- The promise and peril of Ukraine's borders ([The Atlantic Council](#))
- Zelensky defends relationship with US after Trump accused of pushing Ukraine to meddle in 2020 election ([The Independent](#))
- Eastern Ukraine Braces for Bitter 6th Winter of Conflict ([VOA](#))
- Beyond the revolutions: Ukraine and Armenia between authoritarian resistance and authoritarian legacy ([Emerging Europe](#))
- The Decisive Moment: Ukraine Photographer Rescues Victim Of Anti-LGBT Mob ([RFE/RL](#))

Ukrainian Social Media Commentary:

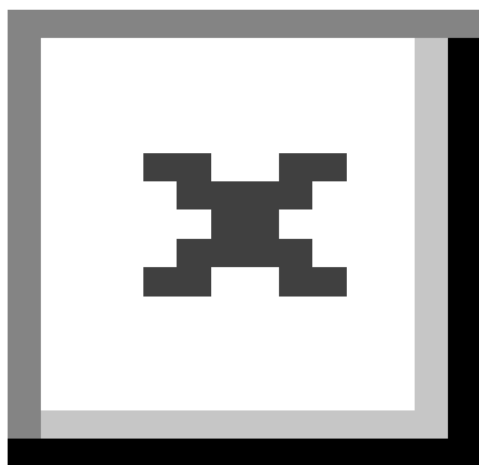
Ukrainians on social media are discussing the implications of the Steinmeier Formula. According to the formula, free and fair local elections should be held in the Russian-occupied Donbas under Ukrainian law, after which these territories would receive special status.

Former Acting Minister of Healthcare Uliana Suprun [warned](#), “This plan, which concerns only one of the items in the Minsk Agreements, poses a huge threat to Ukraine.” Suprun wrote, “Elections can be held only after the final de-occupation, after the last Russian soldier leaves our territory. Otherwise, the elections would only legitimize Russian occupation.”

Former MFA Pavlo Klimkin [tweeted](#) a link to his [article](#), where he stressed that according to the formula, the elections should be held under the control of the OSCE. Klimkin noted that the OSCE would never monitor an election in the occupied territories, which means that before the election, the conditions of Minsk agreements about the withdrawal of troops would have to be fulfilled.

Former President Petro Poroshenko [tweeted](#), “Steinmeier suggested that a law on a special status of local self-governance would enter into force immediately after the elections. Not a word more. Everything else is Putin's interpretation of the Steinmeier formula.”

Blogger Konstantin Zotov is [confident](#) that the realization of the current interpretation of Steinmeier Formula would cause a civil war. Blogger Karl Volokh [wrote](#), “Finally, we understand why Putin canceled a meeting with his colleagues of the Normandy Four in September, after a triumphant exchange of prisoners. Ukraine, through MFA Prystayko’s words, agreed to the absolutely catastrophic “Steinmeier formula,” but refused to sign it on paper. And Putin took it as a sign of disrespect.” Blogger Sergiy Taran [wrote](#), “Why is the withdrawal of the Ukrainian army called ‘the path to peace?’ Did we invade or occupy anyone?”



Screenshot: Capitulation to the Kremlin will not bring Ukraine peace, [warns](#) Uliana Suprun

Notable U.S. Embassy Kyiv Social Media Content:

- U.S. Embassy Kyiv [tweeted](#) about the start of the multinational military exercise Rapid Trident, retweeting [US Mission to NATO](#), who wrote, “This week approximately 3,700 personnel from 14 nations kicked off multinational exercise Rapid Trident 2019 in Ukraine! The exercise supports joint combined interoperability among the partner militaries of NATO Allies and several partner

nations.”

- U.S. Embassy Kyiv retweeted G7 Ambassadors’ Support Group in Kyiv, who met with PM Honcharuk and discussed governance, economic growth, IMF support, energy sectors, and fight against corruption. They wrote, “Many challenges to face but Ukraine may count on the full support of G7 group.”
- U.S. Embassy Kyiv amplified the Readout of Vice President Mike Pence’s Phone Call With the President of Ukraine.

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