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Trepak submitted his resignation in November, saying he could no longer work because all anti-corruption efforts were being blocked by Shokin.

Poroshenko approved his resignation in April and Trepak retired from the security service in July.

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