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# Improving Regional Security and Denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula: U.S. Policy Interests and Options

Joel Wit, an Adjunct Senior Visiting Scholar at Columbia University's Weatherhead Institute for East Asia and a Visiting Fellow at the U.S.-Korea Institute at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, has written a report outlining actions to be taken by the United States government in addressing the challenges posed by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

This report, **U.S. Strategy towards North Korea: Rebuilding Dialogue and Engagement** by the US Korea Institute at SAIS and the Weatherhead East Asian Institute at Columbia University, includes a realistic set of objectives and recommendations for dialogue and engagement, as well as for consultation and cooperation with key actors in the international community, including China and Russia.

The report describes recent developments in North Korea, explains how U.S. interests have been challenged, and establishes objectives that can be achieved through a new U.S. strategy based on five key initiatives: a road map to denuclearization, a new plan for limiting North Korea's missile program, a Korean peace process, a pragmatic human rights dialogue and new approaches to combating North Korea's illicit activities. It also provides suggestions to restart dialogue. The report concludes with recommendations for working with allies and other stakeholders in this process.

The executive summary is available [here](#):

The full report is available [here](#):

This report is also available at [the SAIS web site](#).

In writing this report, Joel Wit, the principal author, was assisted by a number of prominent experts who provided background papers for this study.

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These reports are also available at the [National Committee on North Korea website](#).

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The Nautilus Institute and NCNK, have commissioned additional reports in support of this project. These reports, addressing topics such as the DPRK nuclear program, interdiction, Russia's stake, will be released later this year.

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