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DETERRENCE: [The nuclear matters handbook, expanded edition](#), US Department of Defense (2011) [PDF, 15.3MB]

Security architectures in key regions will retain a nuclear dimension as long as nuclear threats to U.S. allies and partners remain. The United States will continue to be able to extend its nuclear umbrella through forward-deployable fighters and bombers and through U.S. intercontinental and submarine-launched ballistic missiles (ICBMs and SLBMs).

- [Extended nuclear deterrence in northeast Asia](#), Jeffrey Lewis, Nautilus Institute, East Asia Nuclear Security Workshop, Tokyo, Japan (November 2011) [PDF, 0.1MB]
- [Report of the Secretary of Defense task force on DoD nuclear weapons management, phase II: Review of the DoD nuclear mission](#), (December 2008) [PDF, 1.1 MB]

DPRK: [Experimental LWR construction: FM spokesman](#), KCNA (30 November 2011)

The DPRK Foreign Ministry emphasized the North's right to the peaceful use of nuclear energy. The

DPRK will not compromise on its right to nuclear energy, but it will work with the IAEA to “convince the world of the peaceful nature” of its nuclear program. North Korea committed to resuming the six-party talks and implementing the 2005 joint agreement but also warned of “catastrophic consequences” if its right to nuclear power was not recognized.

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- [Engaging the DPRK enrichment and small LWR program: What would it take?](#), David von Hippel and Peter Hayes, Nautilus Institute Special Report (23 December 2010)

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ENERGY SECURITY: [Toward a sustainable future for the U.S. power sector: Beyond business as usual 2011](#), Geoff Keith, Bruce Biewald, Ezra Hausman, Kenji Takahashi, Tommy Vitolo, Tyler Comings and Patrick Knight, Synapse Energy Economics (17 November 2011) [PDF, 1.0 MB]

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- [Building retrofits: The energy-saving potential](#), David Biello, Yale Environment 360 (7 November 2011)
- [New fuel economy proposal would bring major oil savings](#), Therese Langer, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (17 November 2011)

GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY: [Aid effectiveness: "The unbearable lightness of the Busan Declaration"](#), Guatemala Times (2 December 2011)

Representatives from over 160 nations met in Busan, South Korea, to discuss the future of aid to developing countries and agreeing to set a timetable for a worldwide partnership on aid delivery and a greater role for civil society. However, civil society groups criticized the Declaration for its failure to be a binding agreement, its lack of focus on gender issues and the still-limited role civil society plays in aid policy discussions.

- [Leaders vow to fight poverty](#), Park Si-soo, The Korea Times (30 November 2011)
- [Commentary: World forum in Korea aims to improve aid](#), Ben Barber, The Kansas City Star (5 December 2011)

AUSTRAL SECURITY: [Spy expert warns of Beijing tie to satellite](#), Australian (17 November 2011)

Australia will continue to allow China to use a West Australian satellite station, despite the country's top electronic espionage expert finding that such use may boost Beijing's ability to target US and Australian warships.

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- [China space success, blessing to globe](#), English.Xinhuanet.com (14 November 2011)
- [2011 China defense white paper: Points of concern](#), International Assessment and Strategy Center (11 April 2011)

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