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DETERRENCE: The UN Security Council Resolution 1540: An overview of extraterritorial controls over non-state WMD proliferation, Jennifer Gibson, Sarah Shirazyan, NAPSNet Special Report (14 February 2012)

Fifty-one of 179 countries reporting to the UNSC apply their laws extraterritorially. For 36 states examined in-depth, almost half extend jurisdiction extraterritorially under either the effects principle or (less often) under the universal jurisdiction principle.

- Yonhap: Survey shows over one-third in South Korea say nuclear terrorism possible, Yonhap News Service (10 February 2012)
- Official Peace Song lyrics, Seoul Nuclear Security Summit
- Official Peace Song sung by honorary ambassador for the 2012 Seoul Nuclear Security Summit, Park Jung-hyun (Lena Park)

DPRK: North Korean leader Kim backs natural-gas pipeline, Russia says, Henry Meyer, Bloomberg (3 February 2011)

North Korea reaffirmed commitment to a pipeline project that would transport natural gas from Russia to the ROK via the DPRK. Russia's Ambassador to the DPRK noted that Gasprom is working with the DPRK to develop the plans. The announcement was the first confirmation that the

agreement will continue after the death of Kim Jong-il. The pipeline would facilitate trade between the ROK and Russia and support the development of the DPRK energy sector.

- DPRK-Russia agreements in process of implementation, Russia says, KCNA (4 February 2012)
- The DPRK power sector: Data and interconnection options, J. Y. Yoon, The Nautilus Institute (9 August 2011)

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION: Climate change in UK security policy: Implications for development assistance?, Katie Harris, Working Paper 342, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), UK (January 2012) [PDF, 213 KB]

The strongest links between climate change and security are present in the most recent UK security reports and among representatives of the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and Ministry of Defence (MOD), but this framing has not as yet translated into tangible mechanisms to take this agenda forward - although the 'desired impact' of the security framing is somewhat difficult to pin down.

- Strategic Defence Review, presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Defence by Command of Her Majesty, UK (July 1998) [PDF, 2.34 MB]
- Facing the climate security threat: Why the security community needs a "Whole-of-Government" response to global climate change, Nick Mabey, The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) Climate and Energy Program (November 2010) [PDF, 226 KB]

ENERGY SECURITY: Cleaner kilowatts: Policy and technology for Asia's coal consumption: An interview with Mark Thurber, Jacqueline Koch, National Bureau of Asian Research (10 February 2012) [PDF, 237 KB]

Pacific Energy Summit advisor and Stanford professor Thurber describes growth in Asian coal use and the difficult climate challenges it poses. He suggests developing countries focus first on "reducing local pollution and toxic releases from coal plants—while keeping an eye on possible synergies with carbon emissions reduction." Incorporating environmental externalities in energy pricing is an efficient policy approach, but difficult to implement.

- China authorities demand nuclear plant halt, Nuclear Power Daily (9 February 2012)
- Approval of Keystone XL Bill would open a long legal mire, experts say; Court challenges likely if Congress passes legislation to dictate the pipeline's future, Elizabeth McGowan, InsideClimate News (12 February 2012)
- Proposed DOE standards for transformers sacrifice billions of dollars in savings to protect old technology, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (2 February 2012)

GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY: Local governments want to give aid to North Korea, Lee Won-jean, Joongang Ilbo (6 February 2012)

ROK civil society is pursuing greater cooperation with the DPRK and a group of ROK cities have allotted budgets for aid and inter-city social and cultural events and cooperation. Last week, a civic group delegation met with DPRK counterparts despite ROK government opposition; separately, over 200 ROK civil society representatives met and called on the government to pursue a different strategy in inter-Korean relations.

- Editorial: Follow civil society's lead on North Korea, The Hankyoreh (9 February 2012)
- Civic group defies ban on meeting with N. Koreans, Chosun Ilbo (10 February 2012)

Note: We regret that the Austral Security section is not included in this week's NAPSNet report and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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