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DETERRENCE: Anti-nuclear Rudd urged US to keep arsenal for deterrence, Daniel Flitton, The Age (14 November 2011)

While publicly supporting nuclear abolition as PM, current Australian Foreign Minister Mr Rudd backed Australian Defence Department officials urging in a confidential 2009 submission to the US Nuclear Posture Review to support a US nuclear deterrent because Australia remains entirely dependent on the United States for extended nuclear deterrence.

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Sustainable adaptation, as a term and a concept, is now gaining currency in debates about how best to respond to climate change, particularly in poor countries. Katrina Brown attempts to show how sustainable adaptation shares some similar features with sustainable development. She highlights the types of interventions which might simultaneously address both climate change and poverty and development concerns.

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DPRK: S. Korea to give NK natural gas plant for pipeline: Source, DongA Ilbo (4 November 2011)

The ROK government plans to offer the DPRK a natural gas plant as part of a pipeline proposal to connect the energy sectors of the DPRK, ROK, and Russia. The plant would allow North Korea to absorb natural gas from the project, something it is not currently capable of doing. Russia agreed to take the responsibility for the risk of transporting the natural gas through North Korea, including compensating for any disruption in supply.

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GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY: S. Korea, China, Japan reaffirm commitment to resolving NK nuclear standoff, Korea Herald (19 November 2011)

China, Japan and the ROK pledged continued cooperation on issues of East Asian economic stability, development and the DPRK nuclear issue at the ASEAN summit. Underlying this show of solidarity, however, lies increasing tensions between the US and China, with China stating that "outside forces" should not be involved in regional issues as other Asian nations, including the ROK and Japan, continue to rely on US support in disputes with China.

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AUSTRAL SECURITY: 2500 US marines on Australian soil to increase defence ties, Australian (16 November 2011)

UP to 2500 US Marines will be stationed in Australia for six months of every year under a new bilateral defence deal sealed by Julia Gillard and Barack Obama.The agreement is set against the background of growing Chinese military spending and the dramatic expansion of the Chinese navy. The following reports discuss US impact in the Asia Pacific.

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- US strategic priorities in Asia, Rod Lyon, ASPI (30 September 2011)
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