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Vulnerable populations, brittle sectors, and deficit regions in the DPRK may experience energy system-wide shocks—the irreparable failure of the distribution system in extreme cold, for example—that would demand a massive humanitarian energy relief operation at a time of high tension but not actual war. About 2 million TOE would be needed for a 3 month winter survival crisis.

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North Korea's attempts to talk to hold direct talks with the US have so far been unsuccessful. North Korea wants the talks for a variety of reasons: security assurances, seeking a changed international environment, attracting investment to revive a moribund economy, among others. However, there are reasons to believe North Korea actively pursues its own interests which invites other countries to band together in common defense.

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- S.Korea, US, Japan to share intel on North Korea. Hyung-Jin Kim, Associated Press. (26 December 2014)
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GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY: South Korea proposes unification charter, Leo Byrne, NKNews.org (19 January 2015)

ROK ministries presented proposals to promote Korean unification, including seemingly unrealistic proposals such as a railway from Seoul through the DPRK by this summer. Proposals also called for cultural centers to be opened in both countries and a law to lay the foundation for unification. While the President is urging the ministries to find ways to encourage the DPRK to engage in talks, the ROK also deported an American for pro-North views.

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From a political standpoint, expenditures on adaptation are entirely different from emissions taxes or higher energy prices as a result of cap-and-trade policies. Adaptation requires new infrastructure, and building infrastructure generates jobs and profits. Indeed, adaptation perfectly fits what pluralist democracies do best: respond to directly affected concentrated and organized interests with targeted benefits, and pay off other organized groups with benefits of their own.

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