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DETERRENCE: Joint Declaration, the People's Republic of China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America on Mongolia's Nuclear-Weapo--Free Status, New York (17 September 2012) [PDF, 0.9MB]

The PF welcome Mongolia's September 17, 2012 Declaration Regarding Its Nuclear-Weapon-Free Status while noting their declared support is only a political commitment without creating legal obligations.

- Declaration by Mongolia regarding its nuclear-weapon-free status, Od Och, Permanent

Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations, New York (17 September 2012) [PDF, 0.7MB]

- Statement of Amb. J.Enkhsaikhan, Mongolia's coordinator of its NWFS, at the ceremony of signing of the P5 and Mongolian declarations regarding the latter's nuclear-weapon-free status (17 September 2012) [PDF, .02MB]
- Brief remarks made by Amb. J. Enkhsaikhan at the workshop *A new approach to security in Northeast Asia: Breaking the gridlock*, Washington DC (10 October 2012) [PDF, 0.07MB]
- UNSC P5 reaffirm Mongolia's nuke-free status, Xinhua English (17 September 2012)

DPRK: North Korea conducts large rocket motor tests: construction at Sohae Launch Pad, 38 North with analysis by Nick Hansen (12 November 2012)

North Korea has been quietly testing and fielding various capabilities, possibly waiting for the U.S., China and South Korea to change leadership. North Korea still requires outside aid to make up for a harvest shortfall. Threats are a common response to get more food. North Korea and Japan will hold official discussions in Mongolia. Japan has sent at least 4 delegations to North Korea recently possibly indicating a limited rapprochement.

- Better harvests in DPR Korea but undernutrition persists, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Programme (12 November 2012)
- Senior working-level talks with North to start, Kyodo News Agency (11 November 2012)
- Japanese Sports Science College delegation visits North Korea, Rodong News (13 November 2012) [Chinese-language]

ENERGY SECURITY: Saudi America: The U.S. will be the world's leading energy producer, if we allow it, The Wall Street Journal (12 November 2012)

The IEA projects that US oil production will outpace that of Saudi Arabia by 2020 and that North America will become a net oil exporter by 2030. As energy forecasts go, either this will prove wrong or those by renewable energy advocates. Or that each may be realized some day, just not when is claimed. Forecasts have different staying power – either coal use for European power generation today or Tepco's estimate of Fukushima repair or Japan's vision of a plutonium economy.

- FT Special Report: Energy, Financial Times (5 November 2012) [PDF, 7.9MB]
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- Japan's nuclear future: Rokkasho and a hard place, The Economist (10 November 2012)
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GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY: Professors unite against nuclear energy,

Kim Jeong-su, Hankyoreh (13 November 2012)

Over 1,000 professors from 107 universities pledged to actively engage in movements to lead Korea away from nuclear power. The declaration follows reports of the use of unverified parts and cracks in tunnels at ROK nuclear plants. An opposition legislator called for the government to begin taking public polls regarding nuclear power again. A government poll was published annually before the Fukushima accident, after which no poll has been released.

- Cracks at South Korean nuclear plant raise fresh safety concerns, K.J. Kwon, CNN (12 November 2012)
- Secrecy cloaks South Korea's civil nuclear program, Jack Kim and David Chance, Reuters (13 November 2012)
- Scandal threatens South Korea nuclear-export ambitions, Los Angeles Times (7 November 2012)

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION: Education sector responses to climate change: background paper with international examples, Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, UNESCO (2012) [785 KB, PDF]

It is critical that Asia-Pacific increases its knowledge and understanding of climate change phenomena and their governments start working on mitigation and adaptation strategies. Due to the drastic changes before us, the education sector has a fundamental role to play in developing the knowledge, skills and capacities of individuals and communities to adapt to climate change and to support mitigation efforts.

- Climate disaster resilience of the education sector in Thua Thien Hue Province, Central Vietnam, Thi My Thi Tong, Rajib Shaw and Yukiko Takeuchi, Natural Hazards, vol. 63, no. 2 (2012)
- Education responses to climate change and quality: two parts of the same agenda? Colin Bangay and Nicole Blum, International Journal of Educational Development, vol. 30, no. 4 (2010) [318 KB, PDF]

AUSTRAL PEACE AND SECURITY: Coalition leaders float nuclear navy, Christopher Joye, Australian Financial Review (10 November 2012)

Top Coalition leaders want to open the debate over the purchase of nuclear submarines to replace the navy's diesel fleet, a huge step up in Australia's military capability in response to China's plan to become a major maritime power in the Pacific Ocean. Purchasing the Virginia-class nuclear submarines is not yet Coalition policy. This could lead to a joint Australian-US submarine base in the west or north of Australia.

- US alarm at defence budget cuts, Peter Hartcher, The Age (10 November 2012)
- PM had cold feet on US base plan, Peter Hartcher, The Age (5 November 2012)
- Rules for US troops in NT kept secret, Dylan Welch, The Age (11 November 2012)
- Future submarine project should raise periscope for another look, Simon Cowan, Centre for Independent Studies, CIS policy Monograph 130 (2012)

BLOG: Another hinge for the Pacific Pivot: Australia's nuclear navy?

by Richard Tanter – Austral Peace and Security Contributor *One of the hinges in the Pacific pivot is closer alignment of the US and its longterm allies, especially Japan, Korea and…*

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