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DETERRENCE: [What constitutes a setback?](#) Benjamin Hautecouverture, EU Non-Proliferation Consortium, Issue 7 (January 2013)

The postponement of the Helsinki Conference is a hiccup but not a setback. It is up to states in the Middle East to establish the necessary means to open negotiations. In this context, it is remarkable that the EU's support for a WMDFZ in the Middle East has not wavered.

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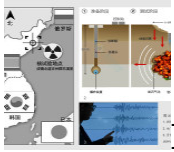
Kim Jong-un rewarded 11,592 people for contributing to North Korea's nuclear test, consistent with the value attached to a nuclear weapon. North Korea threatened "miserable destruction" if the United States conducts planned war games. Kim Jong-un has been visiting military forces for three days, possibly setting the stage for a kinetic interaction. A detailed analysis of North Korea's rocket indicates it was optimized to launch a satellite.

- [North Korea warns US forces of 'destruction' ahead of war drills](#), PRESSTV (23 February 2013)
 - [South Korea faces quandary over potential human rights probe of North](#), Harlan, Chico, The Washington Post (20 February 2013)
 - [Markus Schller's analysis of North Korea's Unha-3 launcher](#), Wright, David, All Things Nuclear, Union of Concerned Scientists (22 February 2013)
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ENERGY SECURITY: [Europe could halve its greenhouse gas emissions by 2030](#), Arthur Neslen, Euractiv.com (13 February 2013)

Kicking can down the road? Halving Europe's GHG emissions means nothing in terms of climate vulnerabilities of anybody. Where is the money, when the public treasuries are running low, trying to choose between benefits for the poor and the elderly, administration and national defense, and even marginal growth? Britain's credit rating is lowered, some coal-fired plants are pre-maturely closed due to environmental obligations, and some others driving gas stations to close due to "cheap global coal". In the US, on the other hand, abundance of gas leads to calls for pre-mature shutdowns and no further construction of such plants. Funny goings on.

- [Coal market - IEA medium term projections - Coal still king, at least outside the OECD](#), Power Engineering (15 February 2013)
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GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY: [No clean slate, but S. Korea, Japan could become friends](#), Asahi Shimbun (26 February 2013)

The ROK and Japan are showing signs of a renewed friendship after strained relations over the last few months, with newly inaugurated ROK President Park meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Taro Aso following the inauguration ceremony Monday. Despite these diplomatic gestures, public sentiment remains tense, with ROK businesses boycotting Japanese goods in response to Shimane Prefecture's celebration of Japan's claim to the Takeshima (Dokdo) islets.

- [Boycott on Japanese goods](#), Lee Seung-ho and Kwon Sang-soo, Joongang Ilbo (26 February 2013)
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CLIMATE CHANGE AND SECURITY: [Arria formula meeting on the security dimensions of climate change](#), Statement to the United Nations Security Council, Stephanie Lee, Chargé D'Affaires, New Zealand Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York (15 February 2013)

Climate change is an issue that must be addressed across most of the international agenda. The Security Council should add its weight to the case for an effective and global response. We share the concern of Pacific Island countries. It is time to think hard, and quickly, about how solutions to climate change can reflect the desire of people to continue to live in their own countries. New Zealand calls on the Security Council to take up this issue again.

- [Don't talk to us about your sinking island: How the U.N. Security Council takes a pass on global warming](#), Slate (22 February 2013)
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