

Strategy for Biden on DPRK

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What's the overall objective – the end game?

- DPRK - it's more than just ending "hostile policy"
- U.S. – it's more than denuclearization

What's the end game?

- DPRK ??
 - Bob Carlin's view
- U.S. - Hecker view
 - Prevent aggression against U.S. and allies
 - Support ROK to achieve its goals on peninsula
 - Prevent export of WMD, cyber crimes
 - Respect for human rights
 - Common ground with China – but avoid greater DPRK reliance on China

DPRK nuclear program in support of its objectives

- Dual track strategy
 - Diplomacy plus
 - Nuclearization – building a nuclear deterrent
- Concurrent pursuit
 - Higher priority of Diplomacy or Nuclear depends on:
 - External factors – mostly U.S.
 - Technical and military progress
 - Domestic factors
- Keep a hedge with nuclear pursuit
 - U.S. response requires technically informed risk/benefit analysis

Suggested Biden strategy for U.S.

- Revisit overall objectives – statement of principles
- Adopt a new dual track strategy
 - Diplomacy plus
 - Deterrence/dissuasion
- Diplomacy
 - Stress halt, roll back & eliminate nuclear weapons
 - Offer cooperative conversion – military to peaceful
 - Negotiate security assurances requested by DPRK
 - Use sanctions relief as diplomatic tool
- Deterrence/dissuasion
 - U.S. has credible deterrent – no change in US nukes needed
 - Extended deterrence has become less credible
 - Need to strengthen alliance and conventional forces to credibly dissuade DPRK aggressive actions