

Conference on Disarmament

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The Delegation of the United States of America to the Conference on Disarmament presents its compliments to Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament Michael Moeller and has the honor of transmitting to the Secretariat the attached subject-matter:

**Submission of the United States to the Conference on Disarmament:
Military Defense Measures in the Face of North Korea's WMD and Missile
Threats to the International Community**

The U.S. delegation would appreciate the Secretariat's assistance in issuing and circulating this Report as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

The Delegation of the United States of America to the Conference on Disarmament avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament Michael Moeller the assurances of its highest consideration.



Military Defense Measures in the face of North Korea's WMD and Missile Threats to the International Community

U.S. Briefing to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva

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Responding to the North Korean Threat

- * U.S. military activities, whether individual or with other nations, are transparent and defensive in nature.
 - * Designed to demonstrate resolve and ability to respond.
- * Continued provocations by North Korea necessitate defensive measures be exercised and demonstrated.
 - * Responses to the North Korean threat.



Defense Exercises on the Korean Peninsula

- * Military exercises on the Peninsula have been long-standing and focused on the defensive nature of the U.S.-ROK Alliance.
 - * Increase Readiness
 - * Protect The Region
 - * Maintain Stability on the Peninsula
- * Multinational Anchor
 - * United Nations Command **regularly informs** the Korean People's Army
 - * Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission observation



Foal Eagle 2017

Images from U.S. PACOM

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training in Jinhae during Exercise Foal Eagle 2017



U.S. and ROK Navies, including Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group, participate in Exercise Foal Eagle 2017.



U.S.-ROK Alliance Decision to Deploy THAAD

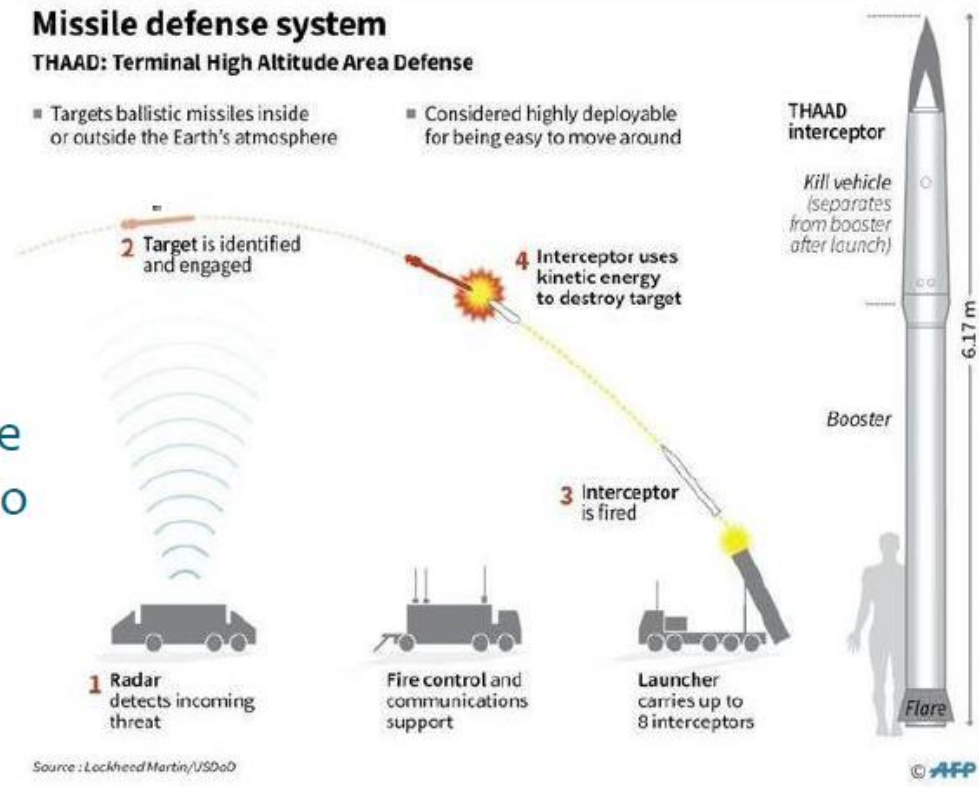
- * THAAD is purely defensive in nature.
- * North Korea's continued pursuit of WMD strike capabilities require defensive measures to be put in place.
- * U.S. ballistic missile defense systems are not designed to negate China or Russia's strategic deterrent.



Missile defense system

THAAD: Terminal High Altitude Area Defense

- Targets ballistic missiles inside or outside the Earth's atmosphere
- Considered highly deployable for being easy to move around





A Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) interceptor is launched from the Pacific Spaceport Complex Alaska in Kodiak, Alaska, during Flight Experiment THAAD-01, July 30, 2017. During the test, the THAAD weapon system successfully intercepted an air-launched, medium-range ballistic missile target.

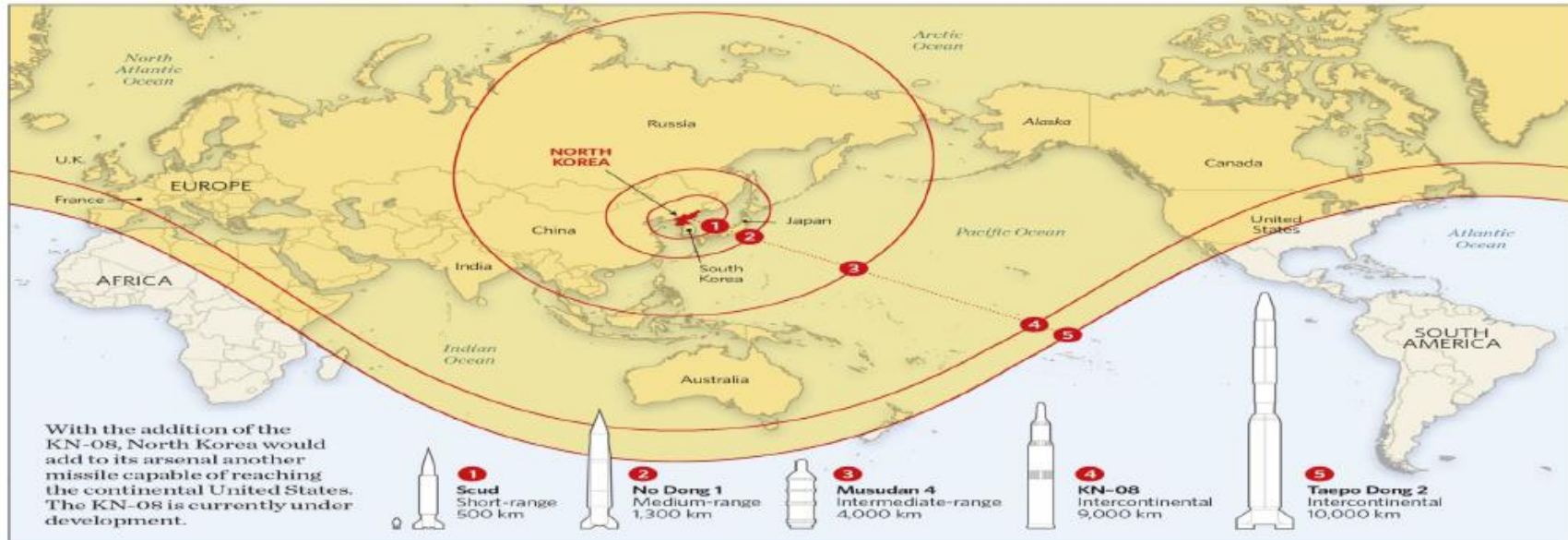


[MDA Video of Flight Experiment THAAD-01, 30 July 2017](#)

Multinational Response to the Global Threat

MAP 7

The Reach of North Korea's Ballistic Missiles



Sources: Missilethreat.com, "Ballistic Missiles," and Reuters, "North Korea Missiles Could Reach US, Says South," NBC News, December 23, 2012, and John Schilling, "Where's That North Korean ICBM Everyone Was Talking About?" 38 North, March 12, 2015. <http://38north.org/2015/03/jschilling031215/> (accessed August 24, 2015).

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North Korea's missile and nuclear programs pose a global threat.
Necessity of coordinated regional and international diplomatic, economic and (defensive) military responses is clear.



- * In Northeast Asia, U.S.-ROK-Japan military cooperation is crucial to deterring aggression and maintaining peace and stability.

Offset Strategies

