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North Korea has posed one of the most persistent U.S. foreign policy challenges of the post-Cold War period. With recent advances in its nuclear and missile capabilities under leader Kim Jong-un, North Korea has become a grave security threat to the United States and its allies. Beginning in January 2018, North Korea launched a diplomatic campaign of engagement with South Korea, the United States, China, and other countries that produced an inter-Korean summit in late April. As of early May 2018, plans were underway for a summit between President Donald J. Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un. Below is a selective list of CRS products covering North Korea, followed by a list of CRS experts and their contact information.

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CRS Congressional Distribution Memorandum, "CAATS Act Deadlines," October 5, 2017, by Dianne Rennack (available from author, by request)¹

CRS Congressional Distribution Memorandum, "North Korea: Compendium of Current Law and Executive Orders Updated Through Executive Order 13810," September 20, 2017, by Dianne Rennack (available from author, by request)²

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CRS Report RL31696, *North Korea: Economic Sanctions Prior to Removal from Terrorism Designation*, by Dianne E. Rennack

¹ A list of all the reporting and determinations requirements deadlines that were enacted in the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATS Act, P.L. 115-44), including those required in the Korean Interdiction and Modernization of Sanctions Act (KIMS Act, title III, P.L. 115-44) relating to North Korea.

² A collection of the legislation and Executive Orders on which the United States' economic sanctions regime relating to North Korea is based. The memorandum includes the amended text of the North Korea Sanctions and Policy Enhancement Act of 2016 (P.L. 114-122), the Korean Interdiction and Modernization of Sanctions Act (KIMS Act, title III, P.L. 115-44), as well as other laws.

CRS Report RL30811, *North-South Korean Relations: A Chronology of Events in 2000 and 2001*, by Mark E. Manyin

CRS Report RL32743, *North Korea: A Chronology of Events, October 2002-December 2004*, by Mark E. Manyin, Emma Chanlett-Avery, and Helene Machart

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