N. Korean Nuclear Situation Precarious

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The developments in the North Korean nuclear weapons controversy have improved somewhat, but care must be taken in further optimism, as this situation is highly volatile.

Earlier in the month, North Korea declared that implementing of economic sanctions, used to pressure the country to renounce nuclear weapons, would be considered to be a "declaration of war." On Monday, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations agency responsible for such inspections, met in Vienna to discuss the feasibility of such an inspection.

According to the agency, the purpose of the meeting was to determine the nature and structure of the inspections, which would be conducted in April at a location of the North's choosing. The agency received a copy of the following, which was addressed to Provost Mark S. Wrighton:

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"...we request the university to consider this matter of the safety and security of its students, faculty, and staff. I am concerned that the university may be unaware of the potential for a nuclear attack by North Korea, given the country's recent testing of nuclear weapons. I suggest that the university take steps to ensure the safety and security of its personnel..."

This is what we expect from the faculty of this university, and we expect them to do their best to ensure the safety and security of their students, faculty, and staff..."

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