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MEMORANDUM FOR PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS
FROM: DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR
ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS
SUBJECT: Draft of Template for the Four Party Talks
INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

At my level, OSD has no objection to the general terms laid out in the draft Template for the Four Party talks (higher-level OSD review will await a final draft that incorporates views from the interagency and the ROK).

OSD's understanding on US economic sanctions-relief measures is that the steps and their timing outlined in the Template paper are illustrative and that final authority to pledge particular sanctions-easing measures will be contingent on interagency approval.

As a practical matter, OSD is not opposed to State exploring ad ref packages containing sanctions-relief steps as-outlined in the various negotiating stages. However, final authority to agree to a specific negotiating package would only come after higher-level interagency vetting and approval from Washington.