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this mean for regional stability in the short term and long term ? The international group of authors in this volume address these questions and offer a timely analysis of the consequences of an operational North Korean nuclear capability for international security" (ed.)

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