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REPORTS

CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS TO DEVELOPING NATIONS, 2002-2009.
Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. Richard F. Grimmett. September 10, 2010.

This report is prepared annually to provide Congress with official, unclassified, quantitative data on conventional arms transfers to developing nations by the United States and foreign countries for the preceding eight calendar years for use in its policy oversight functions. All agreement and delivery data in this report for the United States are government-to-government Foreign Military Sales (FMS) transactions. Similar data are provided on worldwide conventional arms transfers by all suppliers, but the principal focus is the level of arms transfers by major weapons suppliers to nations in the developing world. Developing nations continue to be the primary focus of foreign arms sales activity by weapons suppliers. During the years 2002-2009, the value of arms transfer agreements with developing nations comprised 68.3% of all such agreements worldwide. More recently, arms transfer agreements with developing nations constituted 72.8% of all such agreements globally from 2006-2009, and 78.4% of these agreements in 2009.

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Item#10AD2158
Global

MSRP Theme: 02, 2C

Geo:

GLOBAL EDUCATION DIGEST 2010: COMPARING EDUCATION STATISTICS ACROSS THE WORLD. U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.
September 23, 2010.

According to the Digest, boys and girls in only 85 countries will have equal access to primary and secondary education by 2015, if present trends continue. Seventy-two countries are not likely to reach the goal, among which, 63 are far from reaching parity at the secondary level.

“This new data tells us that we need to re-affirm our commitment to education and gender equality,” said UNESCO Director-General, Irina Bokova. “The advances made in improving girls’ and women’s access to education and training over the past decades risk being undermined by reductions in international aid and national investments as the world struggles to cope with inter-locking crises. Yet, we all know that compromising the education of girls and women will only lead to more vulnerability and reinforce the vicious cycle of poverty.”

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<http://bit.ly/aKQ313> [PDF format, 277 pages].

Item#10AD2159
Global

MSRP Theme: 12ED

Geo:

OBESITY AND THE ECONOMICS OF PREVENTION: FIT NOT FAT. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. September 23, 2010.

The report examines the current obesity epidemic, giving new comparative data, trends and projections across OECD countries and outlining causes and costs. It also notes ways in which the private sector and governments encouraged obesity and makes recommendations for ways they can contribute to combating it. Across OECD countries, one in 2 adults is currently overweight and 1 in 6 is obese. The rate of overweight people is projected to increase by a further 1% per year for the next 10 years in some countries. Rates are highest in the United States and Mexico and lowest in Japan and Korea, but have been growing virtually everywhere. Children have not been spared, with up to 1 in 3 currently overweight.

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<http://bit.ly/93SKBs> Executive Summary [PDF format, 8 pages].

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Item#10AD2160
Global

MSRP Theme: 15

Geo:

PROACTIVE TRANSPARENCY: THE FUTURE OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION? World Bank Institute. Helen Darbishire. September 14, 2010.

The paper identifies four primary drivers of proactive disclosure throughout history. The first is the need to inform the public about laws and decisions and the public's right to be informed, to know their rights and obligations. The second is the public's demand for the information needed to hold governments accountable both at and between elections. The third is the demand for information in order to participate actively in decision-making. The fourth is the provision to the public of information needed to access government services, which has expanded significantly in the past decade with growth of electronic access to services or 'e-government.'

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Item#10AD2161
Global

MSRP Theme: 12ICD

Geo:

SHORT SALE BANS: SHOOTING THE MESSENGER? Cato Institute. Laurence Copeland. September 14, 2010.

In response to the recent financial crisis, many governments chose to ban or restrict short sales, hoping to mitigate the impact of the stock market downturn. Stock markets function as a continuous election, held to determine the allocation of resources with buyers voting for and sellers voting against investment in particular stocks. Banning short selling is akin to disenfranchising the "no" voter, thereby creating a distortion in the resource allocation process, says the author. Ban-induced price distortions damage the integrity of stock prices among investors and potentially cause stocks to expand beyond what is optimal for the firms and the economy. Despite these costs, short sales bans continue to be pursued.

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Item#10AD2162
Global

MSRP Theme: 4F

Geo:

PEOPLE AND PLACES: CAN THEY ALIGN TO BRING GROWTH TO AFRICA?
Center for Global Development. Peter Heller. September 22, 2010.

The essay explores how demographic factors affect infrastructure and the choices policymakers should make concerning infrastructure development.

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MSRP Theme: 03

Geo: AF

MAKING THE CASE TO AMERICANS: ASEAN=JOBS. Center for Strategic & International Studies. Ernest Bower. September 21, 2010.

This coming Friday at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York, President Barack Obama will host his counterparts from 8 of the 10 ASEAN nations for the second U.S.- ASEAN Summit. The luncheon is important because it institutionalizes American engagement in ASEAN on equal footing with other major partners such as China, India, Japan, and others. The 10 (ASEAN comprises 10 countries) + 1 (USA) formula is an important part of the structure the United States needs to have in place to pursue its strategic and economic interests in the region and in all of Asia over the long term. The absence of President H. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of Indonesia from the summit, however, underlines the indisputable fact that U.S. engagement in Southeast Asia remains well intended but imperfect.

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Item#10AD2164
EAP

MSRP Theme: 04

Geo:

NO EASY TASK TO READ THE TEA LEAVES IN NORTH KOREA. National Endowment for Democracy. John Knaus. September 17, 2010.

The on-again-off again meeting of the Workers' Party that is reportedly taking place this week in North Korea comes at a critical time for the country. For over a year, speculation has been circulating on the Korean peninsula that Kim Jung-il is in poor health and that he has begun the preparations for his third son, Kim Jong-un, to take over the reins of power in North Korea. Unconfirmed reports that Kim Jong-un escorted his father on his recent trip to China only fuelled the belief that Kim Jong-un is the heir apparent to the Kim dynasty.

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Item#10AD2165
EAP

MSRP Theme: 12DE

Geo:

UPPING THE ANTE IN CHINA-JAPAN CLASH. Council on Foreign Relations. Sheila A. Smith. September 22, 2010.

The escalating dispute between Beijing and Tokyo about Japan's detention of a Chinese fishing boat captain is a challenge for Washington and raises concerns about Chinese maritime activities in the Asia Pacific, says the author.

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Item#10AD2166

MSRP Theme: 1E

Geo: EAP

CHALLENGES FOR A SQUABBLING EUROPE – PART I. YaleGlobal. Katinka Barysch. September 22, 2010.

Even after the devastation of the Second World War, bitterly fought by Europeans, the continent united in rebuilding its economy. Now, as internal challenges combine with external competition, Europe struggles to find a common vision for economic initiatives, suggests this series. The failure of European leaders to reform governance could endanger the euro as single currency, notes the author. Member nations could vigorously enforce fiscal rules and coordinate macroeconomic policies; nations that rely on exports can't expect all nations to be savers. Europe lacks leaders who can rally citizens and member nations behind a common

agenda for economic reform, euro rescue and other initiatives that can keep crises at bay and solidify integration.

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Item#10AD2167

MSRP Theme: 03

Geo: EUR

“ONCE YOU ENTER, YOU NEVER LEAVE:” DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL OR MENTAL DISABILITIES IN CROATIA. Human Rights Watch. September 23, 2010.

The report documents the plight of the more than 9,000 persons with intellectual or mental disabilities living in institutions in Croatia and the lack of community-based programs for housing and support. It finds that while more than 4,000 persons with mental disabilities are living in institutional settings in Croatia, the country has places for only seven people in supportive community living programs. The situation is not much better for people with intellectual disabilities: Croatia has facilities for only about 250 people in community living programs, while approximately 5,000 remain in institutions.

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Item#10AD2168
EUR

MSRP Theme: 12HR

Geo:

COUNTRY ANALYSIS BRIEFS: LIBYA. Energy Information Administration. September 2010.

The Libyan economy is heavily dependent on the hydrocarbon industry which, according to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), accounted for over 95 percent of export earnings and an estimated 80 percent of fiscal revenues in 2008 – preliminary 2009 data and short-term forecasts indicate that these figures will remain relatively stable through 2014. According to the Oil and Gas Journal (OGJ), Libya holds around 44 billion barrels of oil reserves, the largest in Africa, and slightly over 54 trillion cubic feet (tcf) of natural gas reserves. In 2009, total oil production (crude plus liquids) was approximately 1.8 million barrels per day (bbl/d).

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Item#10AD2169
NEA

MSRP Theme: 4E

Geo:

PUTTING THE “KERALA MODEL” TO REST: LESSONS FOR A NEW ERA OF DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA. American Enterprise Institute. Apporva Shah. September 20, 2010.

In a country where two out of five citizens, about 450 million people, live in poverty, it is no exaggeration to say that the development experience of Kerala, a coastal state on the southwestern tip of India, stands out as extraordinary. Despite a history of anemic economic growth, this state of 32 million boasts effectively universal literacy rates and life expectancy levels close to many Western societies. Because of this, the "Kerala model" has been hailed by NGOs, development experts, and Western academics as an alternative path for human development in which a robust welfare system rather than economic growth drives social progress. The real story, however, according to the report, is quite different from this received wisdom about the "Kerala model". Through the use of historical evidence and quantitative data, this paper shows that government welfare policies in Kerala had less positive impact on social development and more negative impact on economic development than commonly perceived.

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MSRP Theme: 3C

Geo: SCA

BRAZILIANS UPBEAT ABOUT THEIR COUNTRY, DESPITE ITS PROBLEMS. Pew Global Attitudes Project. September 22, 2010.

As the eight years of Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva's presidency draw to a close, Brazilians offer largely positive assessments of where their country stands. At a time when global publics are mostly glum about the way things are going in their countries, half of Brazilians say they are satisfied with national conditions, and 62% say their nation's economy is in good shape. Of the 21 other publics included in the survey, only the Chinese are more upbeat about their country's overall direction and economic conditions.

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<http://bit.ly/c0IJjQ> [PDF format, 44 pages].

Item#10AD2171

MSRP Theme: 12ELG

Geo: WHA

BREAKING INTO THE CORPORATE SUPPLY CHAIN. Center for an Urban Future. Mark Foggin. September 2010.

The report reveals that strikingly few small businesses become suppliers to the nation's largest corporations but argues that helping more of them make this leap could give small firms a much-needed boost and help spark an economic recovery.

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USA

MSRP Theme: 40

Geo:

BREAKING THE MOLD: COMBINING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WITH EXPANDED LEARNING TIME TO HELP EDUCATIONALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS. Center for American Progress. Isabel Owen. September 22, 2010.

Isabel Owen examines two school wide reform models that challenge the rigid boundaries of the conventional school model in order to close the achievement gap.

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<http://bit.ly/9dUbsi> [PDF format, 44 pages].

Item#10AD2173

MSRP Theme: 12EDE

Geo: USA

THE FEDERAL ROLE IN CONFRONTING THE CRISIS IN ADOLESCENT LITERACY. Alliance for Excellent Education. September 20, 2010.

Results from national reading assessments reveal that millions of young people leave high school without the advanced reading and writing skills required for career and college success. Young adults who lack reading and writing proficiency will likely be relegated to the ranks of unskilled workers in a world where literacy is an absolute precondition for success. While federal and state strategies have begun to focus on the adolescent literacy crisis, more than ever it is time to build upon these initial efforts. The brief describes the role that the federal government can play to advocate for a comprehensive, national, and school wide focus on K-12 literacy.

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MSRP Theme: 12EDE, 12DEL

Geo: USA

A HEAVY BURDEN: THE INDIVIDUAL COSTS OF BEING OVERWEIGHT AND OBESE IN THE UNITED STATES. School of Public Health and Health Services, The George Washington University. Avi Dor et al. September 21, 2010.

The authors conclude that the individual cost of being obese is \$4,879 and \$2,646 for women and men respectively, and adding the value of lost life to these annual costs produces even more dramatic results: \$8,365 and \$6,518 annually for women and men, respectively. The analysis demonstrates costs are nine times higher for women and six times higher for men who are obese, which is defined as an individual with a Body Mass Index (BMI) more than 30, than for an overweight person, which is defined as someone with a BMI between 25-29. The findings also reveal a significant difference between the impact of obesity on men and women when it comes to job-related costs, including lost wages, absenteeism and disability.

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Item#10AD2175

MSRP Theme: 15B

Geo:

USA

HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT MIDTERMS DEPENDS ON YOUR PARTY. Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. September 22, 2010.

Republicans are more likely to say this year's election is more important than most and that news coverage of politics makes them angry. They are also more upbeat about their preferred candidates' chances in November than are Democrats or independents.

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Item#10AD2176

MSRP Theme: 12ELG

Geo: USA

PROGRESS TOWARD RESTORING THE EVERGLADES: THIRD BIENNIAL REVIEW 2010. National Research Council. September 23, 2010.

Ten years after its inception, a multibillion dollar plan to restore the Florida Everglades has improved the pace of project implementation, the relationship between federal and state partners, and research efforts, says a new congressionally mandated report from the National Research Council. However, challenges remain in achieving targets for both water quality and flow, requiring further scientific analysis to determine the repercussions of trading off one for the other.

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Item#10AD2177
USA

MSRP Theme: 14A

Geo:

SAFER SKIES: FOR BIRDS AND PEOPLE. U.S. Department of Agriculture. September 23, 2010.

The wings of planes and of nature often compete for the same airspace at the same time. When that happens, collisions may occur that result in damage to aircraft and sometimes in injuries or even death to passengers and crew. The January 2009 emergency landing of Flight 1539 on the Hudson River dramatically demonstrated this hazard. To help reduce the risk of these potentially dangerous interactions, WS biologists provide airport operators across the Nation with advice and recommendations on how to keep runways and flight paths clear of wildlife.

Full Text:

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MSRP Theme: 14F

Geo: USA

TSUNAMI WARNING AND PREPAREDNESS: AN ASSESSMENT OF THE U.S. TSUNAMI PROGRAM AND THE NATION'S PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS. National Research Council. September 17, 2010.

The nation's ability to detect and forecast tsunamis has enhanced since 2004, but efforts are insufficient to meet challenges posed by tsunamis generated near land that leave little time for warning, says the report. The report calls for a national assessment of tsunami risk and

improved communication and coordination among the two federal Tsunami Warning Centers, emergency managers, media, and the public.

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MSRP Theme: 14

Geo:

USA

**WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH: PROGRESS, PITFALLS, AND PROMISE.
Institute of Medicine. September 23, 2010.**

A concerted effort to boost research on women's health over the last two decades has lessened the burden of disease and reduced deaths due to cardiovascular disease, breast cancer, and cervical cancer, says a new report from the Institute of Medicine. The effort has yielded less but still significant progress in reducing the effects of depression, HIV/AIDS, and osteoporosis on women, added the committee that wrote the report.

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Geo:

USA
