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# Editorial Comments

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

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By the time you read this issue, the midterm elections will have come to a close and the Republicans will have probably made significant gains in Congress, leading President Obama to seek new strategies on both the domestic and foreign policy fronts. Although the combat mission in Iraq has now come to an end, operations continue in Afghanistan, and in Pakistan both strategic and humanitarian issues are on the agenda after severe flooding has left millions homeless. Moreover, tensions between North and South Korea remain high, and on a trip to the South Caucasus Secretary Clinton reiterated U.S. disagreement with the Russian occupation of Georgia and voiced support for a peaceful settlement of the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh.

On a more positive note, Obama brought together leaders from Israel and Palestine to revive the peace process after recent tensions threatened to derail it indefinitely. In addition, the U.S. commended allies in Europe and Canada for enforcing hard-won U.N. sanctions on Iran and engaged with governments in South America, Asia and the Middle East to promote further enforcement. Only time will tell whether these sanctions will have an impact, but as always, you can follow these and other important events right here in the pages of *Foreign Policy Bulletin*.

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