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### Plan

#### Plan: The United States federal government should pass the Outer Continental Shelf Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement

### China

Advantage 1 is China

#### **China is increasing their reliance on Middle East oil – plan checks Chinese oil expansion**

González, 12 – UCB, columnist for the WSJ (“Expanded Oil Drilling Helps U.S.Wean Itself From Mideast”, June 27th, 2012, http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304441404577480952719124264.html)

HOUSTON—America will halve its reliance on Middle East oil by the end of

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Russia's economy is "a colossal challenge," said economy minister Andrei Belousov.

#### **China can’t develop any themselves – they have to import**

Cockerham, 13 – Columnist for McClatchy (“Iraqi oil: Once seen as U.S. boon, now it’s mostly China’s”, 3/27/13, http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2013/03/27/187100/iraqi-oil-once-seen-as-us-boon.html#storylink=cpy)

WASHINGTON — Ten years after the United States invaded and occupied Iraq, the country’s

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-owned oil company PetroChina lacking the technological sophistication needed for deepwater production.

#### **Sino-U.S. competition growing now – import dependence in the Middle East makes Chinese power projection likely**

Kemp, 12 - John Kemp is a Reuters market analyst (“COLUMN-China's growing strategic stake in the Middle East: Kemp”, March 2nd 2012, http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/03/02/column-china-middle-east-oil-idUSL5E8E229T20120302)

(Reuters) - China's growing demand for imported oil, coupled with the development

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in the region is not an aberration but the start of a trend.

#### **Competition is zero-sum – there is a direct trade-off**

MNI, 13 - MNI is the leading provider of news and intelligence specifically for the Global Foreign Exchange and Fixed Income Markets (“Experts: Increased US Shale Oil & Gas To Ease Rivalry W/ China”, June 12th, 2013, https://mninews.marketnews.com/index.php/experts-increased-us-shale-oil-gas-ease-rivalry-w-china?q=content/experts-increased-us-shale-oil-gas-ease-rivalry-w-china)

WASHINGTON (MNI) - Many wax lyrical about what the United States' shale oil

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increased domestic oil supply will not lead to less engagement with the region.

#### **That causes US-China war, middle east instability, and south china sea conflict**

Lai, 07 - UCLA Center for Chinese Studies (“China's Oil Diplomacy: Is It a Global Security Threat?”, Vol. 28, No. 3, *Third World Quarterly*, pp. 519-537, published by Taylor & Francis, accessed via JSTOR)

In recent years China's demands for imported oil have increased rapidly. Many observers,

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sort out the facts from the allegations over China's quest for energy security.

#### Middle East instability cause extinction

Steinbach, 02 (DC Iraq Coalition, 3/2/02 “Israeli Weapons of Mass Destruction: a Threat to Peace” Center for Research on Globalisation. [http://wagingpeace.org/articles /0203/0331steinbachisraeli.htm](http://wagingpeace.org/articles%20/0203/0331steinbachisraeli.htm))

Meanwhile, the existence of an arsenal of mass destruction in such an unstable region

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whatever reason- the deepening Middle East conflict could trigger a world conflagration."

#### So does South China Sea conflict

Wittner 11 (Lawrence S. Wittner, Emeritus Professor of History at the State University of New York/Albany, Wittner is the author of eight books, the editor or co-editor of another four, and the author of over 250 published articles and book reviews. From 1984 to 1987, he edited Peace & Change, a journal of peace research., 11/28/2011, "Is a Nuclear War With China Possible?", www.huntingtonnews.net/14446)

While nuclear weapons exist, there remains a danger that they will be used.

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—destroying agriculture, creating worldwide famine, and generating chaos and destruction.

#### And US-China war

Straight Times 2k (Ching Cheong, Senior Writer at the Strait Times, “No one gains in a war over Taiwan,” June 25th, Lexis)

THE high-intensity scenario postulates a cross-strait war escalating into a full

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should that come to pass, we would see the destruction of civilization.

### Natural Gas

Advantage 2 is Natural Gas

#### Mexico’s natural gas demand is skyrocketing but PEMEX cant produce any

Forest, 13 (Dave, contributor to Christian Science Monitor & contributing editor to the Oil & Gas Investments Bulletin, “A surprising source of demand for US natural gas,” *Christian Science* Monitor, July 4, <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Energy-Voices/2013/0704/A-surprising-source-of-demand-for-US-natural-gas>)

Mexico used to have a pretty decent gas industry.¶ Between 1990 and 2008,

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5 Bcf/d, and Pemex is now producing less than that.

#### Mexico’s import demand for US natural gas will cause domestic prices to double in three years.

Forest, 13 (Dave, contributor to Christian Science Monitor & contributing editor to the Oil & Gas Investments Bulletin, “A surprising source of demand for US natural gas,” *Christian Science* Monitor, July 4, <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Energy-Voices/2013/0704/A-surprising-source-of-demand-for-US-natural-gas>)

The numbers imply that Mexico’s peak demand for U.S. gas is currently

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in the US from $2-$4/mcf in one year.

#### Low natural gas prices key to the US steel industry

James, 12 (Steve, correspondent for Reuters in New York, “Analysis: Steelmakers eye gas to cut costs, drive exports,” Reuters, March 16, http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/03/16/us-steel-gas-idUSBRE82F12Y20120316)

America's steel industry, for decades a symbol of industrial decline, is betting on

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old symbol of American industrial power, a competitive edge in the 21st Century

#### Competitive steel industry is key to steel armor plating – ensures hard power

Adams, 13 (John, President of Guardian Six Consulting, LLC, Brigadier General, U.S. Army (Retired), former Deputy U.S. Military Representative to the NATO Military Committee in Brussels, “Remaking American Security: Supply Chain Vulnerabilities & National Security Risks Across the U.S. Defense Industrial Base, May, <http://americanmanufacturing.org/files/RemakingAmericanSecurityMay2013.pdf>)

Steel armor plate is an important component for armored ground vehicles, including personnel carriers

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the sheer variety of steel plates needed for U.S. platforms.

#### Robust conventional forces deter global conflict

Mullen, 8 (Michael G., ADM, U.S. Navy, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, “From the Chairman: It’s Time for a New Deterrence Model,” *Joint Force Quarterly*, October, <http://inbody.net/civmilblog2/2008/09/16/its-time-for-a-new-deterrence-model/default.htm>)

Secondly, the model must be credible. The enemy, or potential enemy,

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global missile defense systems, and modernize our strategic weapons systems and infrastructure.

#### American hard power preserves alliances and deters multiple flashpoints for war

Kaplan, 13 (Robert D., Chief Geopolitical Analyst at Stratfor, “The Virtues of Hard Power,” May 22, *Forbes*, <http://www.forbes.com/sites/stratfor/2013/05/22/the-virtues-of-hard-power/>)

Hard power has not been in vogue since the Iraq War turned badly in about

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. American hard power, thus, must never go out of fashion.

#### Alliances solve nuclear war

Ross ’98[Douglas, Winter 1998/1999,– professor of political science at Simon Fraser University, Canada’s functional isolationism and the future of weapons of mass destruction, International Journal, lexis]

Thus, an easily accessible tax base has long been available for spending much more

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community have any plausible hope of avoiding warfare involving nuclear or other WMD.

#### Russia expansionism causes nuclear war

Blank 9 (Dr. Stephen, Research Professor of National Security Affairs at the Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S. Army War College, March, “Russia And Arms Control: Are There Opportunities For The Obama Administration?,” http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pdffiles/pub908.pdf)

Proliferators or nuclear states like China and Russia can then deter regional or intercontinental attacks

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perhaps make wars of aggression on their neighbors or their own people.172

### Wetlands

**PEMEX will drill inevitably but they have no tech**

**Johnson 12 -** [Tim Johnson, Maria Moors Cabot Prize, Winner & Stanford University, Knight Fellow, citing various oil experts, 3-04-12, McClatchy Newspapers, Mexico City, “Mexican plan for Gulf deepwater wells sparks new worries” <http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2012/04/03/144004/mexican-plan-for-gulf-deepwater.html#.UdA9CvmwWuk>]

Two years after the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history,

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: "The risks are massive and the potential benefits are comparatively small."

**The plan is key to make that safe**

**Melgar, 2012** (Lourdes, director of the Center for Sustainability and Business at EGADE Business School of the Tecnológico de Monterrey, Summer 2012, “The Future of PEMEX,” http://www.americasquarterly.org/node/3781)

The challenge for PEMEX is to increase reserves and oil and gas production in areas

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The Mexican oil industry can no longer thrive on amendments to distorted schemes.

#### Southeastern wetlands are key to aquatic biodiversity, the hydrologic cycle, watershed health, and prevent erosion and they’re on the brink now

EPA 13 – US Environmental Protection Agency (“Protecting Wetlands in Coastal Watersheds”, Last updated on Wednesday, July 03, 2013, <http://water.epa.gov/type/wetlands/cwt.cfm>)

Coastal wetlands include saltwater and freshwater wetlands located within coastal watersheds — specifically USGS 8

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of carbon due to their rapid growth rates and slow decomposition rates.6

#### A spill would devastate the ecosystems

EarthGauge 10 – a National Environmental Education Foundation Program (“Gulf Oil Spill Series: Impacts on Coastal Wetland Plants”, <http://www.earthgauge.net/wp-content/EG_Gulf_WetlandPlants.pdf>)

IMPACTS OF OIL ON COASTAL WETLANDS Most research on the impacts of oil in wetlands

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higher water levels and excess flooding that may prevent plants from growing back.

#### Wetlands are key to the hydro-cycle – solves extinction

Ramsar Convention 96 (“Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, Wetlands and Biodiversity, Executive Summary”, http://www.ramsar.org/about/about\_biodiversity.htm, ACC: 12.20.08, p. online)

Wetlands - including (inter alia) rivers, lakes, marshes, estuaries,

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transition zones between aquatic ecosystems and terrestrial ecosystems such as forests and grasslands.

#### Soil erosion causes extinction

Ikerd 99 – Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Economics at University of Missouri (John E., “Foundational Principles: Soils. Stewardship, and Sustainability,” Sep 22, http://www.ssu.missouri.edu/faculty/jikerd/papers/NCSOILS.html)

A foundation is "the basis upon which something stands or is supported" (

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water to drink, and food to eat. It’s just less obvious.

#### Oil spills threaten gulf sponges key to fight diseases – BP put them on the brink

Downing 10 – Larry, Reuters senior staff (“Medical Cures May Be Destroyed By Oil Spill”, 7-9-10, <http://www.wftv.com/news/news/medical-cures-may-be-destroyed-by-oil-spill/nJwf4/>)

The cure for cancer or malaria could be destroyed because of the oil disaster in

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It’s not only damaging to sea life, but human life as well.

#### Sponges solve antibiotic resistance

Sanders 9 – Laura, Ph.D. in Molecular Biology from UCLA, Neuroscience Writer for Science News (“Sponge's secret weapon revealed” Science News, 00368423, 3-14-09, v.175, iss.6)

A chemical from an ocean-dwelling sponge can reprogram antibiotic-resistant bacteria to

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the bacterium, it's not throwing up any red flags," Moeller said.

#### Antibiotic resistance causes extinction

Davies 08 – Julian, Fellow of the Royal Society, British microbiologist, professor emeritus, and Principal Investigator of the Davies Lab, at University of British Columbia (“Resistance redux; Infectious diseases, antibiotic resistance and the future of mankind”, EMBO Rep. 2008 July; 9(Suppl 1): S18–S21. doi: 10.1038/embor.2008.69 PMCID: PMC3327549, Science and Society)

For many years, antibiotic-resistant pathogens have been recognized as one of the

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our best efforts, continue to exact a toll on the human race.