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North Korea threatened the United States on Thursday with a preemptive nuclear strike, raising the level of rhetoric as th e U.N. Security Council approved new sanctions against the reclusive country.

The White House said North Korea's threats would only lead to Pyongyang's further international isolation and declared t hat the United States was "fully capable" of defending against any North Korean missile attack.

China's U.N. Ambassador Li Baodong said Beijing wanted to see "full implementation" of the new Security Council resol ution, which tightens financial restrictions on Pyongyang and cracks down on its attempts to ship and receive banned ca rgo. ...

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