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## US STRATEGY IN CRISIS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC

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Since his return to the White House, foreign policy analysts have urged a focus on Donald Trumps actions rather than his rhetoric.

The presidents recent order to sharply curtail joint military drills with South Korea sends a signal that neither Seoul nor the wider region can ignore.

It is yet another instance of a pattern that combines pressure and punitive measures toward U.S. allies with a warming of personal ties with authoritarian leaders.

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