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All,

Grateful for your urgent review (needed by NLT 2000 tonight) of updated TPs following Israel and US strikes on Iran tonight – attached and below.

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- It is for Israel and the US to explain the legal basis of their actions.
- *Iran has been a destabilising force in the region for decades*

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 - *including orchestrated attacks on Australia.*

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