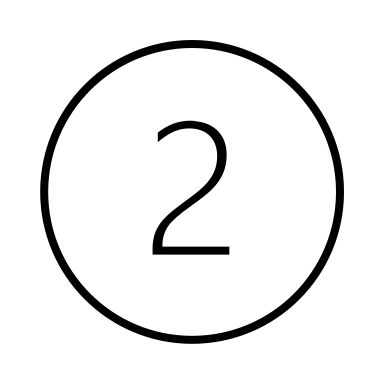
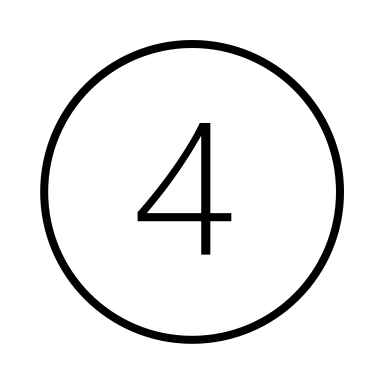
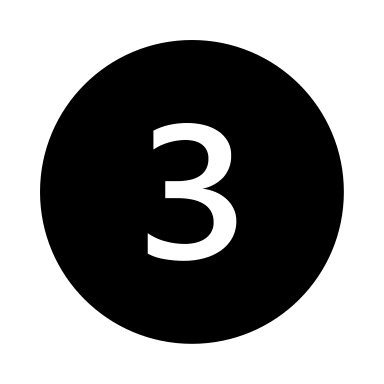
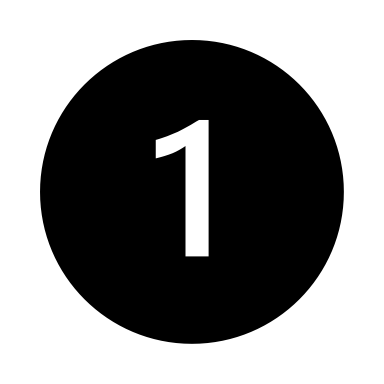
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**What is the condition we want to create?**

**Political Aim**

**What are the resources needed or available?**

**How should resources be used?**





**SO1.** Deter Iran from aggression against our vital interests.

**SO 2.** Prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons OR mitigate potential negative regional and global effects of Iran’s nuclear program.

**SO 3**. Safeguard the security of U.S./U.A.E. allies.

**Framework / Outline**

**(JOINT U.S/U.A.E STRATEGY TO CONTAIN IRAN )**

**Introduction** (**5 %)**

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**Political Aim: The U.S. and the UAE will develop a joint strategy to contain Iranian influence in the Arabian Gulf and the Middle East more broadly while reducing Iran’s use of proxy groups to destabilize neighboring regimes and forestall its development of nuclear weapons**

**Main body ( 80 – 85 %)**

* **Specific Objectives ( SO ) 1.**  **Deter Iran from aggression against our vital interests.**
* **Supporting Objectives 1a. a more pluralistic, moderate, democratic Iranian regime**.

**line of effort 1**: pro-democracy Iranian opposition strengthened. using the informational instrument to provide Iranians more access to diverse sources of information by using the internet, cell-phones, whatever. Support to pro-democracy opposition internally/externally usually takes the form of economic assistance of some type such as support for civil society groups (operating expense money, training in organization and outreach and the like, but I suspect it is going on at a very low, discreet level) + use the diplomatic instrument whereby the U.S., UAE and other allies call out Iran when they repress civil society or opposition groups. Also, by diplomatic instrument you could use multilateral organizations such as the Gulf Cooperation Council or the UN Human Rights arm to condemn such behavior and call upon the regime to be more tolerant of dissent.

**line of effort 2**:

* **Supporting Objectives 1b. UAE-led regional deterrence framework (or plan) in place.**

This would involve using the diplomatic and military instruments, first to negotiate whatever agreement you envision and then to coordinate operational plans and procedures among the various militaries.

* **Supporting Objectives 1c. common domains remain open and free.**
* **Supporting Objectives 1d.**
* **Specific Objectives ( SO ) 2 .** **Prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons OR mitigate potential negative regional and global effects of Iran’s nuclear program.**
* **Supporting Objectives 2a. Iran’s access to the means to pursue a nuclear program denied**

Lines of Effort would be sanctions using the economic instrument as primary and secondarily the diplomatic instrument to make sure that other countries abide by the sanctions

* **Supporting Objectives 2b. Iran signs and abides by international agreement to forego further development of nuclear weapons**

lines of effort would be primarily diplomatic: bringing Iran back to the negotiating table with the US/UAE, crafting a binding agreement, getting strict verification measures in place and providing incentives (political or economic or both) to encourage Iran to negotiate, sign and abide by an agreement. This could include removal of sanctions or partial removal, targeted economic aid, trade agreements

* **Supporting Objectives 2c.**
* **Supporting Objectives 2d .**
* **Specific Objectives ( SO ) 3.** **Safeguard the security of U.S./U.A.E. allies.**
* **Supporting Objectives 3a. Strengthening the allies in the region.**
* **Supporting Objectives 3b. Collective coordination with regional partners especially UAE, Saudi and Israel.**
* **Supporting Objectives 3c.**
* **Supporting Objectives 3d.**

**Conclusion ( 10 – 15 %)**

**why the chosen approach will result in success and/or the desired change in the strategic environment?**