Israel's CoAs for Response

Israel's Objectives for Retaliation

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- ❑ Compelling Iran to act with restraint
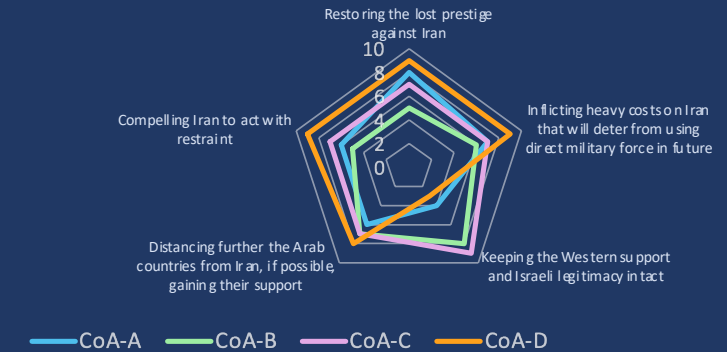
Course of Actions

- ➤ **CoA-A** A Strong air strike to nuclear facilities and critical military targets (de-nuclearization)
- ➤ **CoA-B** Limited airstrike targeting missile facilities (de-capacitation)
- ➤ **CoA-C** Targeting Iran aligned groups in the region (de-proxification)
- ➤ **CoA-D** Paralyzing Iran to the extent of triggering a regime change (regime change)

Operational factors implicating CoAs

- ▪ Geographical access (air)
- ▪ Logistical sustainability
- ▪ Available forces (air)
- ▪ Resilience of the forces
- ▪ Realisation of the objectives

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Assessment: Overall, during the counter-retaliation phase, Israel is likely to adopt a course of action aimed at degrading and destroying trust between Iran and its proxies (CoA-C), in parallel with conducting limited air strikes on Iranian missile facilities (CoA-B) to restore deterrence against Iran. The adoption of CoA-A and CoA-D seems less applicable for Israel without strong and sustained Western commitment to a war with Iran and carries unprecedented outcomes and unintended consequences, such as the risk of hyper-escalation, global economic deterioration and nuclear radiation in the region, which are likely to trigger a reconfiguration of regional alignments, a deterioration of the government-public nexus in Western governments due to a change in the behaviour of the electorate, and a strong reaction from the Arab countries.

Objectives and Course of Actions

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