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Dear Mr Hesse

Thank you for your email of 31 October 2022 regarding Australia's Alliance with the United States and the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. I am replying on behalf of the Prime Minister.

Australia and the United States are committed to evolving our Alliance to effectively respond to the tougher strategic environment. Force posture cooperation – including visits by military aircraft – have been a feature of our Alliance for decades. The initiatives are central to our ability to shape our region's future trajectory so that it continues to support our prosperity and security.

The United States will not deploy or station nuclear weapons in Australia, and Australia will continue to fully comply with our international obligations.

On the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, the Government shares the treaty's ambition of a world without nuclear weapons and is committed to engaging constructively to identify possible pathways towards nuclear disarmament.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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