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Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III on Australia's Defence Strategic Review

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We welcome the release of Australia's Defence Strategic Review (DSR) – it is the latest example of the pivotal role Australia plays in preserving a free and open Indo-Pacific, including through participation in AUKUS and the Quad. The DSR demonstrates Australia's commitment to being at the forefront of incorporating new capabilities for the Australian Defence Force to better enable Australia to meet regional and global challenges, as well as to our Unbreakable Alliance, which has never been stronger. The DSR and the U.S. National Defense Strategy are strongly aligned, with a shared vision for maintaining a stable and open international system, rooted in our enduring alliance and our collaboration with other likeminded allies and partners. We welcome Australia's intent to build upon the DSR with an inaugural National Defence Strategy in 2024.

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