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Dear General Claesson,

I convey my congratulations on your appointment as Supreme Commander of the Swedish Armed Forces.

The war and the ongoing unpredictable security situation in Europe have led to the fact that support for Ukraine must be continued, but at the same time we cannot forget the security of our nations. Now that we are both NATO member countries, our cooperation can develop even further. I believe that the shared values and objectives of the Alliance enable us to deal with the security challenges we are facing. The Baltic Sea has its particular challenge for NATO and Sweden is one key player working out the options for the region, especially in the maritime domain. I am looking forward to hear your views on this.

Once again, I wish you all the success in your assignment and I am looking forward to meet you soon.

Best regards,

Andrus Merilo Major General

Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces

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