



**REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
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CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF**



Major General Andrus MERILO

Chief of the Defence Staff
Estonian Defence Forces

Zagreb, June 29, 2024

Der Andrus

Dear Major General Merilo

On behalf of the Croatian Armed Forces, as well as on my own, I would like to extend my sincere congratulation on your appointment as the Chief of the Defence Staff of the Estonian Defence Forces, a deserving recognition of a prestigious effort dedicated to serving your country.

You are taking this demanding position in a very challenging and unpredictable times which demand agility, adaptability, cooperation and mutual respect.

I am deeply convinced that our future relations will continue to grow and deepen on the principles of friendship and mutual benefit.

Dear Major General Merilo, I congratulate you once again on your appointment, and promotion as well, and wish you every success in this challenging and highly responsible position.

Sincerely,

**Lieutenant General
Tihomir Kundid**