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Major General Indrek Sirel
Commander of the Estonian Division
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Dear General,

The annual Finabel Land Force Commanders Meeting has always provided a strong platform promoting and facilitating the interoperability and harmonization of land forces. Our world is at an inflection point. The velocity of global instability has morphed at an alarming rate and as strategic stewards of the Army profession, it is not enough to just react to the shifting security landscape but to deter malign influences. We must continue to lead with our values.

Next year's Finabel Land Force Commanders Meeting, whose 2025 presidency is presided over by the Croatian Army, is scheduled to take place from 07 until 09 April 2025 in Zagreb, Croatia. I am looking forward to seeing you and your spouse next year in Zagreb, a city full of history, beauty and hospitality and ask you to save this very important date in your calendar.

During this year's meeting, commanders will have the opportunity to schedule bilateral meetings with their European colleagues, alongside the main meeting activities. This initiative was introduced following the decision at last year's Finabel Land Force Commanders Meeting to foster deeper cooperation and dialogue. Furthermore, I would like to emphasize that the Finabel meeting strongly encourages the "in-person" presence of Land Force Commanders, recognizing the critical importance of this forum for strategic discussions and the sharing of valuable experiences.

A formal invitation with details will be sent to you in January 2025. The achieved synergy, exchange of experience and expertise during this meeting will aid us all in setting a roadmap for the course to follow. General Douglas MacArthur once said: "Upon the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds that upon other fields, on other days, will bear the fruits of victory". May this be the strong incentive for this meeting!

Dear General, I look forward to our fruitful camaraderie and wish you and your family success in further achieving your professional and personal goals.

Sincerely,

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