



CHIEF OF DEFENCE  
FINLAND

Helsinki 1 July 2024

Major General Andrus Merilo  
Chief of Defence Estonia

*Dear Andrus,*

On behalf of myself and of the Finnish Defence Forces, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations on your appointment as the Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces and your promotion to Major General.

Estonia's position as Finland's partner is strong. I gladly anticipate working with you and look forward to advancing the cooperation between the Estonian Defence Forces and the Finnish Defence Forces. Both in bilateral and multilateral contexts we are better prepared to tackle the unforeseeable future. I believe that the shared values and objectives of the Alliance enable us to deal with the security challenges we are facing.

Finally, let me wish you and all the personnel in the Estonian Defence Forces health, prosperity and the very best in the future.

*Sincerely Yours,*

  
General Janne Jaakkola  
Commander of the Finnish Defence Forces