



Chief of Defence

Brussels, 11 July 2024

Major General Andrus Merilo
Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces

General,

On behalf of the Belgian Armed Forces and on my behalf, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations on your recent appointment as Chief of Defence of the Estonian Defence Forces. I do hope that you will find your new task both challenging and rewarding at the same time.

Your nomination undoubtedly represents the acknowledgement of a brilliant career dedicated to the service of your country. I am confident that our two countries and our organisations will maintain their strong ties and relationships. Our mutual defence of the borders of NATO and the EU is a tangible proof prove that our two Nations come together in defending our common values and principles.

I wish you every success in your new demanding duties and I am looking forward to meeting you soon.

A blue ink signature, appearing to read 'Frederik Vansina', written in a cursive style.

Frederik Vansina
General
Aide-de-Camp to the King
Chief of Defence