



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA

H.E Mrs Catherine Vautrin  
Minister for the Armed Forces  
and Veterans Republic of France

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*Chère Catherine*

Dear Minister

I am deeply saddened by the death of sergeant Florian Montario from the 17th Parachute Engineer Regiment from Montauban on the 18th of April while he was carrying out his duties as a part of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

Please accept our deepest condolences on behalf of Estonian Ministry of Defence and the people of Estonia. Our thoughts are with the family and relatives of the victim.

I sincerely hope for a quick and full recovery for the other three injured French soldiers.

Guaranteeing the security of the peacekeepers on UNIFIL mission must be a priority.

Your Excellency, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration

Yours sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, belonging to Hanno Pevkur.

Hanno Pevkur  
Minister