

April 29, 2024

Brigadier General Andrus Merilo
Commander
Estonian Defence Forces

Dear Brigadier General Merilo,

It is my privilege to invite you to speak at the **2024 Halifax International Security Forum** that will take place **22–24 November** in Nova Scotia, Canada.

HFX believes that true security is achieved only when people enjoy the benefits of democracy, leading in turn to economic opportunity and lasting peace. Only at Halifax International Security Forum do the entrepreneurs who drive our economies, the writers who challenge and influence the world's thinking and the decision-makers tasked with tough choices meet and learn from the very individuals who are on the ground facing consequential local threats.

This year's Forum takes place two weeks after the US presidential election and HFX will again host the first major international event in the post-election environment. As the dangers facing the democratic world are now too real for any single nation to solve alone, the 2024 Halifax International Security Forum will provide a vital venue for Americans and non-Americans alike to set the course—together—for strategic cooperation among the world's democracies.

We respectfully request that you RSVP by following the link below. Please note that this invitation is meant exclusively for you and is not transferable.

I look forward to welcoming you to Halifax this November.

Sincerely yours,

Peter Van Praagh
President, HFX