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General, dear Martin!

It is with great regret knowing that your term as Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces has come to an end.

Your dedication with regards to the cooperation between our armed forces, as well as the security challenges that we have faced together in this pivotal time in European history, has been a great resource for my country. For this honest and trustful comradeship and professionalism, I am heartfully grateful.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine marked the beginning of a new chapter of European security. As the Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces, you were facing this challenge from the perspective of a frontline state of the Alliance. We share the knowledge on how demanding this tremendous task can be. Please accept my deepest respect for guiding your armed forces through this challenging period.

I very much regret that I am unable to attend the Change of Command Ceremony, due to other commitments.

For your future endeavors, I wish you all the best, health and happiness.

*It was a great privilege for me to serve
alongside you - should be with
you!*

Carsten Breuer
General

*Hope to see you soon
Thanks for your outstanding comradeship
and dedication yours are
CdB*