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Tallinn

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Dear Major General Karus,

On behalf of GLOBSEC, it is my honour to invite you as a **speaker** to the **GLOBSEC Transatlantic Forum 2024**, which will be held on **December 3, 2024 in Washington, D.C. at AutoShop in Union Market, 416 Morse St NE**. The Forum is organized by the **GLOBSEC US Foundation** and **Steve Clemons**, Co-Chair of the GLOBSEC US Initiative.

The numerous elections in Europe and the U.S. have made 2024 a year of anxiety and reassessment of national priorities. Both Americans and Europeans face uncertainty about their domestic goals, power, and the intentions of their closest partners, complicating efforts to address the war in Ukraine, threats from Russia, conflict in the Middle East, and China's resolute assertiveness.

The **GLOBSEC Transatlantic Forum** aims to foster dialogue between Americans and Europeans, identifying points of convergence (and contention) in key areas and determining how to approach them moving forward. The forum will focus on three priority areas: **defence and security**, **AI and digital transformation**, and **strategic industries and resilience of supply chains**. The one-day event will include an on-the-record public conference, followed by a series of private roundtables.

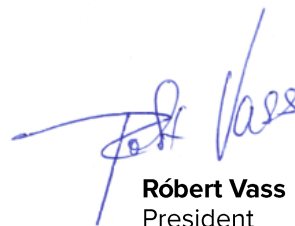
Dear Major General Karus, your distinguished career in the Estonian Defence Forces, from your leadership of the Estonian Contingency in Afghanistan to your current role as Chief of Staff at the Joint Headquarters, has been pivotal in shaping Estonia's defence capabilities and strengthening regional security. With your extensive background in military operations and strategic leadership, you are uniquely positioned to contribute valuable insights to the evolving global security environment. Given the GLOBSEC Transatlantic Forum's focus on defence, AI, and the resilience of strategic industries, we would be honoured to welcome you as a speaker at this year's event. Your perspective on how Europe and the U.S. can collaborate to address shared challenges would be greatly valued, especially in light of the current geopolitical complexities.

Since its inception, GLOBSEC has played a key role in shaping policy across Europe and the Atlantic, earning global recognition as a leading think tank dedicated to enhancing security, prosperity, and sustainability worldwide. Previous GLOBSEC events have featured prominent individuals such as **Emmanuel Macron**, **Volodymyr Zelenskyy**, **Jens Stoltenberg**, **Donald Tusk**, **Ursula von der Leyen**, the late **Madeleine Albright**, the late **John McCain**, **Mark Esper** and **Brad Smith**.

The GLOBSEC team will be happy to work with your office to identify the most relevant engagements, including **panels**, **high-level closed-door sessions**, **media**, and other opportunities. For further information, Ms Dóra Szarková is available to your office at +421 903 739 328 or at dora.szarkova@globsec.org.

We look forward to the possibility of hosting you at the GLOBSEC Transatlantic Forum 2024.

Yours sincerely,



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