



**Chief of the General Staff of the Czech Armed Forces**  
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Brigadier General  
Andrus Merilo  
Commander-designate  
Estonian Defence Forces  
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ESTONIA

Dear General,

I extend my heartfelt congratulations on your appointment as the Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces. This prestigious position is a testament to your distinguished career, exceptional leadership qualities, and unwavering commitment to the security and prosperity of your nation. I am confident that under your leadership, our respective armed forces will continue to strengthen alliances, foster cooperation, and enhance our capabilities. Please accept my best wishes for success in your new role.

I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to invite you and your staff to visit the Czech Republic on October 16–17, 2024. The visit would be an excellent opportunity to expand your familiarity with the Czech Armed Forces' current structure as well as to visit the 15<sup>th</sup> FUTURE FORCES FORUM, a biennial defence and security forum, exhibition and networking event which takes place in Prague.

I suggest that our respective staffs arrange all necessary formalities. The designated Point of Contact for the associated arrangements is the Foreign Activities Directorate, e-mail: [fls@army.cz](mailto:fls@army.cz).

I very much look forward to hosting you in my country. Please be assured of my highest personal consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Lieutenant General Karel Řehka