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Dear MG Merilo,

On behalf of the Israel Defense Forces, I would like to extend my warmest wishes for the New Year to you, your family and the dedicated servicemen and women under your command.

This year has brought unprecedented challenges for Israel, underscoring the importance of international partnerships and shared values. We greatly appreciate the relationship between our forces and remain committed to fostering cooperation in pursuit of safeguarding the security and prosperity of our nations.

"Nation shall not lift sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."  
(Isaiah 2:4)

As we look ahead to 2025, I hope that the coming year will present new opportunities for collaboration, mutual learning, and growth.

Once again, I wish you a Happy New Year filled with peace, good health and success.

Sincerely,

*Herzi Halevi*  
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