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General Valdemaras Rupšys Chief of Defence Lithuanian Armed Forces Šv. Ignoto g. 8 LT-01144 Vilnius LITHUANIA

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Dear General Rupšys,

In this difficult situation in which the world is today, the war in Ukraine and the Middle East, the importance of independence becomes more and more important.

Independence has not come to us by itself, but we have fought for it ourselves. We must value what we have today, which is to be a free and independent country. We must work hard to maintain this, working with our neighbours, allies and partners at home and abroad.

I wish from the bottom of my heart to you, the Lithuanian Armed Forces and all Lithuanians

Happy 106th Independence Day of Lithuania!

Sincerely yours

Martin Herem

General

Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces