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Major General Andrus Merilo
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Dear *Andrus*

Thank you for your kind letter congratulating me on my appointment as the Chief of the Defence Staff. I am humbled and honoured to have been selected for the position. It is truly a privilege to lead the Canadian Armed Forces.

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations on your recent appointment as Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces. This is a remarkable accomplishment and a testament to your leadership and commitment to military service.

In this dynamic and geostrategic environment, we will endeavour to continue building upon the relationship between our militaries and the like-minded values our nations share.

I am happy to hear you will be attending and speaking at the 2024 Halifax International Security Forum in November and it would be great if we could meet during your visit. My staff will reach out to yours to work out the details accordingly.

I wish you all the best as you commence your new appointment and Canada will continue to support Estonia and Europe through these turbulent times.

Sincerely,

M.A.J. Carignan
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General

*looking forward
to meet you
in September!*

c.c. Col R.M. Foster – Canadian Defence Attaché Estonia



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