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Berlin Security Conference 2023
23rd Congress on European Security and Defence
"NATO, the EU and their Allies: Deterring Threats to Freedom and Democracy"
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Berlin/Bonn, 15th September 2024

Dear Commodore,

dear Mr Värk,

The Berlin Security Conference (BSC) 2024 will continue to reflect current and very worrisome developments in the political and military-strategic situation. We are witnessing a continuation of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in contravention of international law, furthermore facing an extremely critical and unstable situation in the Middle East, while observing escalating tensions in the Indo-Pacific.

NATO and the European Union and their partners are doing their utmost to safeguard, promote, and defend rule-based law, freedom, and democracy. With this in mind, the slogan for this year's BSC is:

"NATO, the EU and their Allies: Deterring Threats to Freedom and Democracy". This slogan will be reflected in the five strategic topics selected for our main programme: The situation in Ukraine, deterrence, defence in and for Europe, the situation in the Middle East, the 75th anniversary of NATO and, last but not least, EU capabilities when it comes to actively safeguarding the values of the free world.

Incidentally: The BSC 2024 will be the first major Security Conference in the wake of EU and U.S. presidential elections – which should add some interesting facets to facilitate networking and stimulate discussions.

We would be most obliged if you agreed to attend BSC 2024 and we would be grateful for your contribution as a speaker as part of the **Main Program** and in the **Panel B2** to take place on

20. November 2024

at Vienna House Andel's Berlin.

The topics will be: **"The Way ahead in Defence Planning"** and **"Capabilities for Naval Forces"**.

The President of the BSC 2024 will once again be Wolfgang Hellmich, Member of the Bundestag and spokesperson for the Working Group on Security and Defence Policy of the SPD Parliamentary Party Group in the Bundestag.

Major General (ret) Reinhard Wolski (Chairman BSC) and Colonel (ret) Thomas Greggersen (Coordinator BSC) shall be at your disposal at any and all times to inform you in a short briefing about the status of the conference planning.

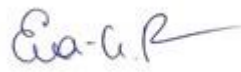
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My dear Mr Värk, it would be a great pleasure for us to welcome you as our guest of honour at the Berlin Security Conference / the 23rd Congress on European Security and Defence. We would also be delighted to welcome you to the evening reception that is to be held at the Embassy of our partner nation Estonia **at 6:30 p.m. on 18 Nov 2024**, for which you will be receiving a personal invitation in due course.

Best regards,



Wolfgang Hellmich Member of the Bundestag
Congress President 2024



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Enclosure

- Folder "Information for Speakers and Participants"
- Program BSC 2024

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