



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
DEFENCE FORCES

Lieutenant General Sir Ralph
Wooddisse KCB CBE MC

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Dear General Wooddisse,

Dear Ralph!

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for your service and leadership, and for the lasting impact you have had on Estonia's defence and security. Your steadfast support for the Estonian Division has been deeply valued. Your commitment has not only strengthened our military capabilities but has also reinforced the bonds between our nations.

Throughout your distinguished tenure — as Commander of the 1st UK Division, Commander Field Army, and Commander of the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps — you have consistently demonstrated a genuine commitment to Estonia. Your leadership has been marked not only by professionalism and strategic foresight, but also by a spirit of partnership and friendship that has resonated strongly within the Estonian Defence Forces.

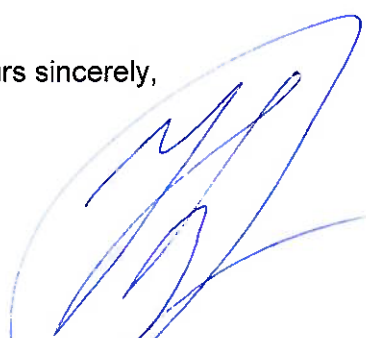
We are especially grateful for the contribution of the units under your command, which manned the Forward Land Forces. Their presence and dedication have played a vital role in enhancing regional security and deterrence, and stand as a will to the strength of UK-Estonia defence cooperation under your leadership.

On a personal note, your frankness and straightforwardness in communication have been particularly appreciated. Your clarity, honesty, and openness have fostered trust and mutual respect, enabling effective collaboration and a shared understanding of our common goals.

As you move forward to new endeavours, I wish you every success and fulfilment. Your legacy of leadership, partnership, and commitment will undoubtedly endure, and you will always be remembered as a valued friend of Estonia.

Please let me know whenever you decide to visit Estonia – you will always be welcomed with open arms.

Yours sincerely,


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*Thank you for the
Leadership
and the friendship!
All the best to you.
Indrek*

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