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Dear Fabien

Dear General,

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to attend the Bastille Day Parade and the reception on 14 July.

I greatly appreciate this thoughtful invitation and the opportunity to further demonstrate the close ties and enduring friendship between France and Estonia. The theme of this year's celebration, highlighting European strategic awakening and the Coalition of the Willing, is particularly timely and meaningful.

I am pleased to confirm that the Estonian Defence Forces will be represented in the parade by our national colour party, who will proudly participate alongside our French allies and partners. Regrettably, due to prior official commitments, I will not be able to attend the celebrations in person. Please accept my sincere apologies for my absence.

I wish you and all participants a successful and memorable Bastille Day celebration, and I am confident that the event will once again serve as a powerful symbol of our shared values, solidarity and commitment to the defence of Europe.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrus Merilo
Lieutenant General
Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces

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