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Dear General Eyre,

As you approach the end of your tenure, I write to thank you for your exceptional service and your steadfast commitment to NATO. Moreover, we recognize Canada's contribution to NATO's eastern flank as an FLF framework nation in Latvia. However, we as NATO allies need to continue our efforts in developing our national forces to strengthen NATO's deterrence and defence.

Please pass my best regards to your successor, Lieutenant-General Jennie Carignan as the new Chief of the Defence Staff. I am sure she will be a bold and strong leader and I wish her every success on assuming her new appointment. I look forward to working with her.

I have received your save the date invite for the Chief of the Defence Staff Change of Command Ceremony on the 18th of July, 2024 in Ottawa. Unfortunately, I will not be able to make it across the Atlantic this month.

However, I will attend the 2024 Halifax International Security Forum on 22–24 November, and have accepted the invitation to speak there. In conjunction with this visit to Canada, it would be very much appreciated, if a meeting with General Carignan could then be arranged e. g. on Monday, the 25th of November before flying back to Europe.

Thank you again for your great service. I wish you and your family all the best for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Andrus Merilo
Major General
Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces

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