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Brigadier General Andrus Merilo  
Deputy Commander of the Estonian  
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Dear General ~~Merilo~~<sup>Andrus</sup>,

Congratulations on your appointment as the next Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces. This selection recognizes your dedicated leadership and outstanding accomplishments in service to Estonia.

Estonia has been a highly valued ally for many years, and the Estonian Defence Forces have made great strides in modernizing and expanding their capabilities. Although we still face a serious threat from Russia, our continued cooperation and mutual support will ensure the collective security of our Alliance and its partners. I look forward to further strengthening the close cooperation between our militaries.

I wish you all the best as you take on this challenging role.

Sincerely,

CHARLES Q. BROWN, JR.  
General, U.S. Air Force