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Hr Hanno Pevkur  
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Mul on hea meel edastada kiri Belgia kaitseministrilt hr Theo Franckenilt.

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Minister of Defence of the Republic of Estonia

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Brussels, **07 JUL, 2026**

**Re: Invitation to attend the ABCD Conference**

Your Excellency, *Dear Hanno,*

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your kind invitation to participate in the 20th Annual Baltic Conference on Defence (ABCD) in Tallinn.

I warmly welcome the ambition and focus of this year's conference, particularly its emphasis on strengthening our collective ability to deter and defend in an increasingly complex security environment. At a time when Europe is confronted with unprecedented strategic challenges, such initiatives provide a valuable platform for exchanging perspectives, reinforcing transatlantic unity, and drawing lessons from ongoing conflicts.

I am pleased to confirm my participation in the conference as a keynote speaker on 22 September 2026. I look forward to contributing to the discussions and to engaging with fellow ministers, experts, and partners on the critical issues facing our shared security.

Practical arrangements and further coordination can be handled directly with my cabinet.

I very much look forward to visiting Tallinn and to continuing our close cooperation.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Theo FRANCKEN