



**Merivoimien komentaja
Kommendören för Marinen
Commander of the Finnish Navy**

Turku, 6 August 2024

Dear Ivo,

**Commodore Ivo Värk
Commander of the Estonian Navy**

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations on your recent appointment as the Commander of the Estonian Navy. This significant achievement marks an exciting new chapter for our cooperation, both bilaterally and within the NATO framework.

We have already made commendable progress in our common operations and exercises, positioning us in a strong situation for further collaboration. The upcoming Navy-to-Navy talks in Finland this August will provide an excellent opportunity to continue our discussions and build on the positive momentum we have established.

It would be beneficial for us to meet and discuss how we can deepen the relationships between our Navies. I hope our schedules allow us to find an opportunity for this meeting. Additionally, we could explore possibilities for joint procurements and operational activities, enhancing our mutual capabilities.

Regarding the upcoming maritime activities scheduled from the 8th to the 17th of September, I suggest that our ships operate together under a coordinated command and control structure involving both the Finnish and Estonian Maritime Operations Centers (MOCs). This period presents an opportunity for integrated operations within Estonian Territorial Waters, including a potential requirement for basing at Tallinn Miinisadam. The MOC planners have already commenced initial planning, and my MOC is actively coordinating the detailed aspects of this activity with your Navy's MOC.

Once again, I congratulate you on your new role and look forward to our continued and deepened cooperation. If there is anything the Finnish Navy can do to support our shared endeavors, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Yours respectfully,

Tuomas Tiilikainen

**Rear Admiral
Commander of the Finnish Navy**