**Israel National Defense College**

**Lieutenant General Ilias A. Leontaris**

**Chief of the General Staff of the National Guard of Cyprus**

Dear Lieutenant General Ilias A. Leontaris,

On behalf of the Israel National Defense College (INDC), I would like to thank you sincerely for taking the time to meet with a select group of students and staff from the 47th class of the INDC earlier this month, as part of our academic tour to Europe, and for the insightful and informative conversation.

One of the INDC's main goals during the academic year is to teach and promote self learning and expansion of knowledge, including through dialogue with senior officials and experts. In this regard, your willingness and availability to meet with our group of students benefitted them greatly, by allowing them to get an important perspective in relation to Cyprus' national security challenges.

Furthermore, the meeting was yet another demonstration of the meaningful cooperation and profound friendship between our militaries and countries.

Sincerely,

**Ambassador Merav Zafary-Odiz**Chief Instructor
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