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*Dear General Kurczyk,*

First of all, may I congratulate you on your appointment as commander of the Zentrum Innere Führung. Every command appointment brings with it challenges and opportunities, and perhaps never more so than now, when the many unexpected political, practical and ethical consequences of the war in Ukraine have to be confronted.

The International Society for Military Ethics in Europe (Euro-ISME) has established a strong and fruitful relationship with the Zentrum ever since our creation over a decade ago. We were fortunate to have held one of our most successful international conferences at the Zentrum.

I do not think it is an exaggeration to say that the Zentrum is a unique institution. Unique firstly in the sense that I know of no other organisation that shares the same mandate and responsibilities. And secondly because I know of no other organisation within the military that has the inculcation of civic, military and ethical responsibility as its unique raison d'être.

Euro-ISME has greatly benefited from our involvement with the Zentrum and its staff and we hope that they have derived some benefit from attendance at our conferences – for example as in Budapest earlier this year - and from our wider work in the field of military ethics. I certainly hope that such a fruitful relationship will continue.

The subject of our forthcoming 12<sup>th</sup> Annual conference in Athens from 10 – 12 May 2023 is “The Future of Military Ethics”. We would be delighted to see you there if your (no doubt) very busy diary allows. However, should you be unable to attend in person we would be delighted to welcome as many experts from your staff as will be able to attend.

Finally, may I wish you every success in your appointment.

Yours sincerely

*John Thomas*