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Romanian and Austrian officials are evaluating the common action plan regarding the home affairs domain.

Today, 22 December 2005, a delegation of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Interior arrived at the headquarters of the Ministry of Administration and Interior, to participate in the Reunion for the Evaluation of the Joint Romanian-Austrian Action Plan 2005-2006 regarding the home affairs field.

This activity, which is taking place on 22 and 23 December 2005, is part of the activities developed by the Romanian authorities in view of Romania's accession to EU, between Romania and the Austrian partners existing a special relationship, based on mutual reliance and the remarkable outcomes resulted from a common effort, especially in the operational domain regarding the countering of illegal migration and cross-border crime.

The Romanian-Austrian Action Plan 2005-2006 aims at training the Romanian authorities with attributions in the home affairs field, so that they could fully adopt the necessary measures and the applicable standards existing at the level of the EU Member-States. In this document there are stipulated the applicable measures meant to increase the dialogue at the ministerial level, to keep on the development of the information exchange in the illegal migration field, for enhancing the co-operation in preventing and countering illegal migration and trans-border crimes, the collaboration in criminal investigations, countering corruption, as well as in the exchange of information, analyses and data regarding the crimes committed by the Romanian citizens abroad.

Taking into consideration the comprehensive co-operation existing between Romania and Austria in the above-mentioned fields, this evaluation reunion of high officials represents an important event meant to emphasise the parties' mutual availability and confidence, manifested in harmonised actions related to the control of the effects of cross-border criminal phenomenon, in general, and of the effects of illegal migration and corruption, especially.

At the same time, this event is even more relevant, considering the fact that beginning with 1 January 2006 Austria is going to hold the EU Presidency, and Austria believes the issues discussed during the two officials' talks, namely preventing and fighting against illegal migration and corruption, are high-priority questions.

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COOPERATION BETWEEN ROMANIA AND TURKEY. Between 22 - 24 December 2005, Mr. Sahanettin HARPUT, undersecretary of state within the Ministry of Interior from Turkey, is paying an official visit to Romania, upon the invitation of the secretary of state, questor Anghel ANDREESCU.

This visit, which is a new important moment of the bi-lateral dialogue and consultancy at this level, represents a good opportunity for a detailed analysis and evaluation of the stage and perspectives of the Romanian-Turkey co-operation in the home affairs field.

The agenda of this activity includes a round of specialty talks between the officials of the two ministries, different meetings with representatives of the main structures of the MAI (police, gendarmerie, etc.), as well as discussions at the level of the Regional SECI Centre regarding cross-border crimes.

Through its consistency, the dialogue between Mr. Anghel ANDREESCU, secretary of state, and his Turkish counterpart will be focused on emphasising the progresses that Romania has achieved lately in the legislative field

regarding the home affairs domain – within the context of our country's accession to the European Union – as well as on the measures taken by the operational subordinated structures for countering illegal migration, organised crime, terrorism, and trafficking in human beings, drugs and psychotropic substances.

This visit reconfirms the progress and the favourable dynamics of the relationship between Romania and Turkey, as this activity is part of the bilateral political contacts, even at the highest level, established in co-operating with Republic of Turkey this year.