

BULLETIN

Minister Vasile Blaga is participating in the Salzburg Forum Reunion

Minister of Administration and Interior - Vasile Blaga will participate on 22 and 23 May, 2006, in the reunion of the Salzburg Forum, in Bratislava (Slovakia).

The reunion agenda includes issues such as: the evaluation of the activities developed so far by the Salzburg Forum and by the work groups functioning in the domains of *witnesses' protection, information exchange on the asylum seekers' situation in their origin countries, the safety of traffic, and the Schengen evaluation missions.*

At the same time, the participants in this reunion will discuss Slovenia's priorities for the period during which it holds the Forum's presidency.

In the context of this reunion, the home affairs ministers of the participant countries will sign a Common Declaration meant to set the action priorities of the Forum for the period to come.

The Salzburg Forum is an European co-operation mechanism, focused mainly on the political dialogue developed in the home affairs area at regional level, including representatives of Austria, Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary, Romania and, starting with this reunion, of Bulgaria as well.

Romania's participation in this Forum, next to states with E.U. member status, is very precious, in view of finalizing our preparations for joining the European Union, and of participating, starting with this period, in the European debates on the most important issues in the home affairs field.