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ROMANIA AND BULGARIA HAS SIGNED A COMMON DECLARATION REGARDING THE PREPARATION IN THE HOME AFFAIRS DOMAIN, IN VIEW OF THEIR ACCESSION TO THE E.U.

The minister of Administration and Interior - Vasile Blaga and his Bulgarian counterpart - Rumen Petkov, have signed today, in Varna (Bulgaria), a common declaration regarding Romania and Bulgaria's preparations for the EU accession.

Initiated by the Romanian party, the document that has been signed aims at Romania's and Bulgaria's keeping on the same accelerated rhythm in meeting the EU requirements, so that they could successfully access to the European Union; it also aims at enhancing their co-operation, so that the both states could reach the EU standards and achieve the commitments they made in the domain of Justice and Home Affairs.

The common declaration will be transmitted to the European Commission, so as to prove that Romania and Bulgaria are determined to ensure the stability in this zone of Europe.

The Romanian and Bulgarian home affairs ministers signed this "Common Declaration" with a view to make their co-operation regarding the border control even more effective, taking into consideration that the two countries have to commonly prepare in order to be able to take the responsibility of ensuring the security and control for the future E.U. outer border.

The co-operation in the border zone is highly important, as Romania and Bulgaria are going to manage about one third of the future outer EU border.

In order to reach a high level of security and an effective control of the common border, Romania and Bulgaria intend to create a system of direct contacts between the police structures with attributions in the transportation on the Danube and especially in the Giurgiu - Russe zone, the main railway- and road-gate that ensures the direct connection between the two states.

At the same time, the home affairs ministries of Romania and Bulgaria are determined to enhance the information exchange in order to prevent and counter illegal migration, and to extend the police co-operation in the domain of countering cross-border crimes.

By this declaration, Romania and Bulgaria underline the fact that it is highly important to commonly participate in the EU programmes and to closely co-operate within the framework of the various regional initiative, such as those promoted by the Salzburg Forum, Vienna Process, Brdo Process and others.

The European Commission's recommendations provided by the Comprehensive Monitoring Report for 2005, transmitted to Romania in October last year, emphasise the necessity of enhancing the Romanian-Bulgarian co-operation in the home affairs field, considering especially the fields relating to the control and securing of the future outer EU borders, as well as the surveillance capacity along the Black Sea Coast.

Among the issues discussed by the two ministers, there have also been the progresses recorded by Romania and Bulgaria within the framework of the project for the EUROPOL enlargement, the finalising of the negotiations and the signing of new legal documents regarding the mutual recognition of the driving licenses, as well as the domain of countering organised crime.

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M.A.I. ACTIONS ON THE NEW YEAR'S EVE

There was recorded a 106.3% increase in the number of the persons charged with different crimes compared to the similar period of last year.

Between 31.12.2005 and 02.01.2006, the personnel of the Ministry of Administration and Interior **recorded 478 criminal deeds and minor offences**, 30.9% increase compared to the same period last year, when there were recorded 365 this kind of events.

Making an analysis on the effectiveness of the activities accomplished by the personnel of each M.A.I. unit with attributions in preventing and countering the illegal deeds recorded at the level of our country, the situation is as follows:

A. THE ROMANIAN POLICE GENERAL INSPECTORATE

Over the above-mentioned period of time (31.12.2005 - 02.01.2006), the personnel of the Romanian Police identified **157 criminal deeds and minor offences**, compared to the similar period of last year when 141 events were recorded. At the same time, over the same period of time **97 persons charged with having committed different minor offences were identified and taken in custody**, this number representing a **106.3% increase** compared to the similar period of last year, when 47 criminals were identified.

At the same time, there **were recorded 66 offences of judicial nature**, compared to the period of time between 31.12.2004 and 02.01. 2005 when there were recorded 74 this kind of offences, which demonstrates the effectiveness of the M.A.I.'s actions taken for ensuring the public order and safety, so as all the people obey the legislation in force.

The Romanian Police's personnel also recorded **44 traffic accidents**, compared to the 50 in the similar period of last year.

B. GENERAL INSPECTORATE OF THE ROMANIAN GENDARMERIE

Over the above-mentioned period of time, this institution's personnel accomplished – **independently of in cooperation with other institutions – 1,709 missions** and **identified 390 persons** who had committed different minor offences, the **finances applied amounting to 77,625 RON**.

C. THE BORDER POLICE GENERAL INSPECTORATE

Border police officers took actions for preventing and countering the cross-border crimes in the competence zones, applying 87 minor offences, the fines amounting to 25,780 RON (compared to 24.000.000 ROL over the same period of last year). At the same time, there were identified – independently

or in cooperation with other institutions – **goods destined to be traded on the “black market”** (smuggled) amounting to **942,173 RON** (compared to 425,000,000 RON during the same period of 2004/2005).

Also, over **900 persons** (Romanian and foreign citizens) who did not fulfil the required legal conditions provided by the legislation in force were not allowed to cross the Romanian border (when both entering and leaving the country).

D. THE GENERAL INSPECTORATE FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Between 31.12.2005 and 02.01.2006, the personnel of this institution intervened in **296 events**, compared to 189 events over the same period of last year, of which **178 fires** (compared to 114) and **62 cases of granting first aid in different emergency situations** (compared to 56), in order to protect/ rescue the persons affected, as well as their goods.

The personnel of the Ministry of Administration and Interior will keep on carrying out different actions meant to prevent and counter the illegal actions, so that all people obey the legislation in force; their actions are also aimed at ensuring the public order and calmness, as well as at improving Romania's image abroad.