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Since PM Calin Popescu-Tariceanu requested that a set of measures meant to counterbalance the situation created in Italy be presented on Monday, the minister of interior and administrative reform Cristian David organised a work reunion at the headquarters of M.I.A.R. this morning, in which minister of justice Tudor Chiuariu, representatives of the Ministry of Labour, Family and Equal Opportunities, and of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also participated.

This meeting aimed at identifying a set of measures to be integrated at the level of the Romanian Government as a prompt and effective reaction meant to protect the rights of the Romanians in Italy, as well as to ensure a fair, reliable and motivated context for the expulsion measure.

The working group outlined a set of measures referring to **three levels of issues**: increased judiciary, police and consular co-operation; drawing out a matrix of social measures; and extensive public communication.

As regards police, judiciary and consular co-operation, the set of measures will refer not only to the police actions which have already been taken, but also to granting judiciary and consular assistance in those cases of Romanian citizens who are subject to expulsion orders. This particular support is meant to establish the consistency of the decisions referring to Romanian citizens.

The drawing up of the matrix of social measures refers, at the one side, to measures of integration and social rehabilitation for the Romani citizens from Italy and Romania, and on the other side, to aspects regarding voluntary repatriation. As regards the **social integration of the Romani citizens from Italy**, the main part is played by the Italian authorities; as far as voluntary repatriation is concerned, there will be agreed various social measures, meant to encourage all those citizens who did not manage to integrate into the Italian society to return to Romania.

The third level is related to extensive public communication which implies not only the institutional public communication, but also an increased effort by NGOs and business communities.

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Statement of Minister Cristian David Regarding the Situation in Italy

“Once again I express my deep regret for Giovanna Reggiani’s death, and respect for the National Mourning Day in Italy, affirming Romanian authorities’ total availability and unconditional support in investigating this very tragic case.

In this context, I express my concern about the violent acts against Romanian citizens, like the one that took place on the outskirts of Rome last night.

I call for reasonable and balanced attitude, and I openly request that the Italian authorities take all the preventive measures necessary to avoid xenophobic acts.

Moreover, today I contacted the Italian authorities in order to make sure that the **actions taken against the Romanian citizens would be put in practice justly and indiscriminately**.

I have requested the presentation of the criteria on which the expulsion measures are based, as well the exact reasons for the four Romanians’ expulsion from Milan last night.

I also want to transmit to the Romanian citizens in Italy, to all those who work legally and correctly, that we are committed to increase cooperation with the Italian authorities, so as to eliminate all the potential risks that could affect their or their families’ life and safety.

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Three Romanian police officers left for Italy this morning

This morning, three Romanian police officers within the General Inspectorate of the Romanian Police (GIRP) left for Rome, in order to offer specialty support to the Italian police in investigating the murder taken place in the evening of October 30th, on the outskirts of Rome, allegedly committed by a Romanian citizen.

One of these police officers is specialist in investigating murders, and the other two are specialists in violent crimes.

Presently, in Italy there are 5 Romanian police officers, integrated in the task forces created at the level of the Italian Questuras from Rome, Milan, Bologna and Padua, for countering the criminality generated by our co-nationals residing in Italy.

Next days, other Romanian policemen are leaving for Italy with the same mission; at the level of the GIRP it is currently being developed the selection process for those who will be carrying out various activities together with the Italian partners.

Last week the minister of interior and administrative reform Cristian David met his Italian counterpart official Giuliano Amato, occasion on which they agreed on the methods of jointly working, as well as on the contribution of each partner to the fight against the criminality generated by Romanians in Italy. Following this discussion, the ministry of interior and administrative reform decided that in the period to come the number of the policemen present in Italy would increase by 5.

The Romanian-Italian cooperation in this area began in 2006, when the Bi-lateral Action Plan named ITARO was signed. This action plan includes activities carried out in more phases and a common working group consisting in Romanian and Italian police officers. Over 20 Romanian policemen have worked in Italy together with their Italian colleagues so far, since the agreement was signed, and currently the project is developing its forth phase – ITARO 4.