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Annual Report on 2009 of the Ministry of National Defence

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2009 of the Arma-
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The annual report of the Ministry of National Defence activity on 2009 was held on Friday, March 5, 2010, at the MoND HQ.

Minister of National Defence, Mr. Gabriel Oprea, delivered to the audience a presentation on the achievement of the main goals set for 2009.

In 2009, the main objective of the MoND was the continuation of the military transformation to a modern, deployable and sustainable force, with the capacity to accomplish a wide variety of missions, both at home and abroad.

The 2009 priorities consisted in continuing with the reification of the objectives from the second phase of the Romanian Armed Forces Transformation Strategy, together with the accomplishment of the assumed military commitments within NATO and EU as well as the participation in the international effort of fighting against terrorism.

MoND has assumed the creation of a credible defence capacity, able to fulfill both the Force's Objectives set during the NATO planning process and the assumed military international commitments.

During this time period, 14 structures became operational. At the same time, efforts were made to maintain the operational level of those structures already affirmed and certified according to the NATO procedures.

The main effort went on the training and supporting the forces deployed in theatres of operations, especially in Afghanistan. According to the rotation cycles, Romania has participated, during the entire year-long period, with 3618 soldiers in NATO and EU-led operations, in the international coalition against terrorism and under aegis of UN.



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MoND is undergoing, in different stages, 78 programs of acquisition for products and services necessary in the military's procurement and transformation. The assignment of these programs on services is as follows: 25 programs for the Land Forces, 10 programs for the Air Forces, 15 programs for the Naval Forces, 13 programs for the Strategic Management and Defence Information, 6 programs through international cooperation and 9 programs concluded – in warranty period.

An absolute priority was represented by the wounded and invalid soldiers from the TOs and our permanent concern in supporting the families of those who passed away, for whom the MoND expresses its respect and fellowship, as reply to the way they accomplished their duty while in mission.

Law no. 384 /2006 on enlisted soldiers and NCOs has been added and modified in the way that the working age is extended up to 45 years old and new rights are granted to this category of personnel.

In 2009 MoND carried out activities that led to the accomplishment of the defence policy objectives, to the strengthening of our profile as NATO and EU member state and, at the same time, as participant in the management of crisis situations emerging in the international security environment. Moreover, the available resources imposed more creativity, predictability, responsibility and efficiency in their management.



At the end of his report, the Minister of National Defence assessed that the objectives assumed for the evaluated year have been accomplished, stating that *"The Romanian Armed Forces is the most prestigious institution from our country and the MoND, as a whole, has the obligation to meet the same standard. The military has always proved it stands by the people"*.

The activity was attended by the President of Romania, the Chief of General Staff, the two Chairmen of the Parliamentary Defence Committees, the Minister of Justice, Director of the Romanian Intelligence Service, Director of the Foreign Intelligence Service, Director of the Special Telecommunications Service, the General Attorney, representatives from the Ministry of Administration and Interior, deputies, senators, generals, officers, NCOs, enlisted and civilian personnel from the MoND.



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Annual Report on 2009 of the Armaments Department

The Minister of National Defence, Gabriel Oprea, and representatives of the MoND leadership attended the annual report on 2009 of the Armaments Department, on Thursday, February 25.

The deputy chief of the Armaments Department, BG Catalin-Adrian Moraru presented the achievements of the Department in its area of responsibility, the programmes of defence procurement and acquisition contracts for weapon systems and equipment, the use of allotted resources, the coordination of research-development activity and the technical higher education, the



way quality and requirements for metrology and technical standardization were met and the specific control for the imports and exports of military products.

Minister Gabriel Oprea said he considered the activity of the Department as satisfactory. He further said that the department is faced with a complex and difficult mission, in the present context, namely to reach the always growing standards, to ensure the interoperability and compatibility with allies and partners, at home and in the theaters of operations, to keep updated on the rapid progress of technology at international level. Speaking of the economic-financial crisis we are faced with, the Minister emphasized the need to prioritize certain objectives moreover, to identify that appropriate means and tools that should sustain an effective use of the defence resources the allotted state budget.

“We are primarily concerned with running the procurement programmes vital for sustaining equipment for the troops in the theaters of operations, for the combat actions for our soldiers’ security and protection in carrying out their missions. The national interest is a priority for the Armaments Department and for the Ministry of National Defence, and the best equipment is of high importance for our combat troops in accomplishing their missions, having in view the interoperability and high compatibility with our allies and partners”, stated Mister Gabriel Oprea.

Reviewing the coordination of defence procurement policies, Gabriel Oprea stressed out the need to continue the process of restructuring, modernizing and going private of the defence industry with the assistance of specialists of the department; he also highlighted the need to harmonize the legal framework in the area with that from the EU and NATO; cooperation with NATO agencies and foreign companies should be improved by promoting certain products for exporting.

The National Defence Minister assured the audience of his support in achieving the projects and expressed his conviction that the professionals of the department will take care that the Armaments Department, with an important role in maintaining and increasing the capabilities of the armed forces, will continue to sustain its efforts and a job well done.