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The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, and his counterpart from Republic of Moldova, Valeriu Troenco, met in Iaşi, on 5th May, to assess the extent to which the goals of the bilateral cooperation agreement were accomplished.

Telephone Conversation between Romanian and Canadian Defence Ministers

On April 30, the Romanian defence minister, Mircea Duşa, had a telephone discussion with his Canadian counterpart, Robert Nicholson.

The two ministers jointly agreed on organizing Air Force drills in the near future.
A joint team of the Air Force Staff experts will clarify the technical procedures so as to meet all the necessary conditions to conduct these exercises at the 71st Air Base in Campia Turzii.

Minister Mircea Dusa informed his Canadian counterpart that he has already instructed that the required measures be taken for solving the legal aspects concerning the joint exercises.

Canadian Defence Minister Robert Nicholson thanked Minister Dusa for the prompt arrangements made with a view to conducting said activities.

**Multinational Exercise “ROT 14-4 Combined Resolve II”**

A training detachment of the Land Forces will participate, during 12 May - 30 June, in exercise „ ROT 14-4 Combined Resolve II” conducted with USAREUR troops in their training facilities of Hohenfels and Grafenwoehr, Germany.

The exercise aims at developing the training level necessary to conducting common missions with troops from NATO member countries, increasing interoperability and improving working procedures.

The Romanian Land Forces participate with one training detachment consisting of 300 troops of the 300th „Sfântul Andrei” Mechanized Battalion and the 284th „Cuza Vodă” Tanks Battalion of Galați, infantry weapons, armored vehicles and MLI-84 M „Jderul” type tanks, TABC 79 and TR85M1 „Bizon” tanks.

Romanian Land Forces’ participation in „ROT 14-4 Combined Resolve II” shows their capability to participate in the military effort of NATO and partner nations.

**Exercise “Black Sea Rotational Force 14”**

„Platinum Eagle” training module of the multinational exercise „Black Sea Rotational Force 14” (BSRF-14) takes place in Babadag firing range, Tulcea County, over 29 April - 28 May.

During this training module, troops of Armenia, Bulgaria, former Yugoslavia, Macedonia, Romania and the USA will conduct live shooting, counter-insurgency exercises, first aid maneuvers in an area of operations, command and control procedures at unit level.
BSRF-14 is an annual exercise, conducted by US Marine Forces Europe in the Black Sea, Balkans and Caucasus region. Its goal is to increase interoperability by training troops for peacekeeping and counter-insurgency operations.

The exercise was planned one year before as part of the Plan with the main activities of the General Staff.

Exercise Istria 2014

The 1st „Nicolae Dăscălescu” Ground-to-Air Missile Brigade conducts exercise „Istria 2014”, at Capu Midia firing range, from 22 April to 9 May.

„Istria 2014” is a tactical exercise conducted annually with troops and combat firing that aims at training troops for integrated action in countering hostile air systems.

Beside the troops and technique of the brigade, the exercise involves Air Force units and Navy ships. The exercise was planned one year before as part of the Plan with the main activities of the Air Force Staff.

Commander of the Allied Joint Force Command Naples (JFC) Visits Romania

The visit of Admiral Bruce W. Clingan, Commander of the Allied Joint Force Command Naples, took place during 22 to 23 April. Admiral Clingan was received by both the Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, and the chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Ștefan Dănilă.

JFC commander and the Romanian officials analyzed the relevance of the measures taken at allied level, the exercises and possible future actions of the alliance.

During the talks with the Romanian defence minister, the JFC commander pointed out that „the Black Sea region is important for the Alliance and Romania, Bulgaria and Turkey are riparian countries that benefit from the security offered by their NATO membership”, stressing that his visit in Romania is one more confirmation of the vision the Alliance has on this region.