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on official visit to Romania**

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The Minister of National Defence, Nicolae-Ionel Ciucă, and the Deputy Chief of Romanian Defence Staff, Lieutenant General Daniel Petrescu, met with the Chief of Ukrainian Defence Staff, Lieutenant General Ruslan Khomchak, who was on official visit to Romania, on November 30, at the MoND Headquarters.

The bilateral talks had a formal character and focused on the status and perspectives of enhancing cooperation relations between Romania and Ukraine in the field of defence. Also, the recent developments of the regional security situation and increase of interoperability level with a view of jointly participating in various military exercises were tackled during the official meeting.

Investiture ceremony of the new Chief of Defence Staff

The investiture ceremony of the new Chief of Defence Staff, Lieutenant General Daniel Petrescu, took place on Sunday, December 1st, at 14.00, at the Ministry of National Defence Headquarters.

Press Release

On 28 November, the Romanian Government adopted the Draft Law on the continuation of the development of the air operational capability, as part of the Initial Transition Stage of the Conception for the Gradual Building of the Air Defence Capability, within the "Air Force Multirole Aircraft".

The legislative proposal will be submitted to the Parliament of Romania in order to be discussed and adopted with an emergency procedure.

According to the paper, the Romanian Government will attribute to the Government of the Portuguese Republic the acquisition contract

of five F-16 A aircraft from the Portuguese surplus, a package of goods and services which includes the modernization of the F-16 aircraft which is currently in the service of the Romanian Air Force, logistic support elements and the training of the engineers.

Also, the Letter of Offer and Acceptance - LOA specific to the Foreign Military Sales – FMS-type contracts will be assigned to the Government of the United States of America for the procurement of the package of goods and service complementary to the above mentioned acquisition contract.

The contract assignment will be made by respecting the provisions of Art. 22 letter f) of Government Ordinance no.114/2011, approved by Law no. 195/2012.

The Ministry of National Defence will be the signatory of the assignment contract, from the Romanian part.

The five aircraft will have the same configuration with the 12 ones that are already in the service of the Romanian Air Forces, respectively M.5.2R, and the package of goods and services includes the modernization of all F -16 aircraft operated by the Romanian Armed Forces, at a superior configuration, respectively M.6.X.

The implementation of the contracts stipulated in the draft law will enable the increase of the training level of the technical personnel and building of a major repair capability for the engines that equip the F-16, which will lead to the enhancement of the fleet availability and the decrease of maintenance costs. This solution also sets the premises for the involvement of the national defence industry in the execution of the maintenance and major repair works and modernization of the F-16s, through the economic operator assigned as maintenance center for the F-16 aircraft by the Romanian Government. This will contribute to the consolidation of the air operational capability.

The first four out of the five aircraft lot will arrive in 2020, while the last one will be delivered in 2021.

The five F-16 aircraft will join the 12 which already conduct national and NATO Air Policing missions.

First edition of Romania-Egypt Defense Forum, at Bucharest

State Secretary for Defence Policy, Planning and International Relations, Simona Cojocaru, and the Deputy Chief of Defence Staff, Lieutenant General Daniel Petrescu, participated in the opening of the first edition of “Romania-Egypt Defense Forum”, which took place at the National Military Club from Bucharest, on 26 November 2019.

At the opening of the event, State Secretary Cojocaru reviewed the status of the Romanian-Egyptian bilateral military cooperation and approached the development perspectives of this relation, the defence component being a major importance pillar in the cooperation with the partners.

Also, in her allocution, the Romanian official emphasized the progresses made by the partner state in managing the security situation in the region as well as in the cooperation process with the North-Atlantic Alliance and the European Union.

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In his message, Lieutenant General Petrescu emphasized the importance of the development of a set of specific military capabilities, in addition to the assigned conventional forces, which is designed to face the modern challenges, including the emerging technologies.

The Romanian-Egyptian Defence Forum is a common initiative of the Defence, Public Order and National Security Board (Chamber of Deputies) dedicated to the cooperation in the field of defence and security. The forum is made up of members from the Ministry of National Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Defence Industry.



Romania-Egypt Defense Forum

Turkish-Romanian meeting at the MoND Headquarters

Minister of National Defence, Nicolae-Ionel Ciucă, received the visit of the Turkish Ambassador to Romania, Füsün Aramaz, on 26 November, at the MoND Headquarters.

During the meeting, the two officials talked about the evolution of the Romanian-Turkish cooperation both at regional level and within NATO. Also, the officials emphasized the firmness of the Strategic Partnership between the two states and the importance of



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defence cooperation in the field of security as strategic partners and allies within NATO, in a difficult regional context.

The talks focused on the status and development perspectives of bilateral cooperation in the field of defence. Minister of National Defence thanked for Turkey's participation in the multinational naval exercises conducted in the Black Sea and for the availability to continue develop the cooperation programs in fields of common interest.

Bilateral talks of the defence minister with the Ambassadors of the Republic of France and United Mexican States to Romania

Minister of National Defence, Nicolae-Ionel Ciucă, continued the series of meetings with the ambassadors accredited to Bucharest, in the context of the consolidation of bilateral cooperation in the field of defence, on Monday, 25 November.

The visit of the Ambassador of the Republic of France to Bucharest, Michele Ramis, was a good opportunity to discuss common interest topics regarding cooperation with France both

at bilateral level as well as within allied context and at European Union level. During the meeting, the officials emphasized the importance of the Strategic Partnership between Romania and France and tackled the perspectives of enhancing cooperation in the field of defence as essential elements for the security and stability of our country and the region Romania is part of.

The meeting of the defence minister with the Ambassador of the United Mexican States to Romania, José Guillermo Ordorica Robles, brought up the perspectives of the increase of bilateral cooperation in the field of defence, with focus on the cooperation in the naval field. The two officials reviewed the common interest elements the international security environment, agreeing upon the need to consolidate cooperation in support of defence.



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