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# ROMANIAN MILITARY NEWSLETTER

**Defence Minister in the Romanian Delegation Participating in  
NATO Summit in Warsaw - Major Decisions for Romania**

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Minister Mihnea Motoc and his German Counterpart, Ursula von der Leyen  
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While at NATO Summit in Warsaw, allied leaders negotiated and adopted major decisions for the consolidation of the allied defence and deterrence posture, along the entire Eastern Flank.

The defence minister had several bilateral meetings with allied counterparts with a view to getting the necessary support for the strategic goals of Romania in terms of consolidating the defence and deterrence posture and the decision concerning NATO forward adapted presence on the territory of its eastern allies, and Romania respectively.

Thus, during the meeting with the German defence minister, Ursula von der Leyen, it was noted the importance of consolidating the allied defence and deterrence posture, as a defining element of the Summit. They also discussed ways of bilateral cooperation in implementing the decisions assumed by chiefs of state and government, specifically those concerning

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the forward adapted presence on Romanian territory. During the meeting with the Turkish defence minister, Fikri Işık, the two officials agreed on the importance of concentrating common efforts on implementing allied decisions in the near future, so that concrete results are obtained by the defence ministerial of October this year.

Defence minister Mihnea Motoc participated in a working dinner along the other allied defence ministers. They talked of an enhanced forward presence on NATO Eastern Flank, the cooperation framework in the southern part of the Alliance and allied support for NATO partners by an efficient use of the Initiative for Defence Capacity Building, with a view to projecting stability and security. Another topic on the Summit agenda was finding the ways to make a functional evaluation of the allied command structure, as an orientation element for the future reflection process on this matter.

The Romanian defence minister spoke of specific initiatives to achieve an adapted forward presence on the southern area on NATO Eastern Flank. The initiative would consist in creating a multinational brigade in Romania, affiliated to the headquarters Multinational Division South-East and consolidating air and naval presence in the region, by means of dedicated measures. He also pointed out the important role played by the allied military authorities in the process and encouraged the participation of the allies with concrete contributions to the specific implementation of tFP over the next period of time.

Minister Motoc also pointed out the importance of the allied initiative to consolidate the defence capacities of third parties, as a key-instrument of NATO to the efforts of the international community to project stability beyond NATO borders. He also restated Romania's commitment to cooperate with the Republic of Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine and to use efficiently the current cooperation mechanisms with the partner states of NATO.

### **Defence Minister's Meeting with General Denis Mercier, Commander, Allied Command Transformation**

While at NATO Summit in Warsaw, the Minister of National Defence, Mihnea Motoc, had a meeting with General Denis Mercier, Commander of the Allied Command Transformation (ACT). The meeting was attended also by the chief of General Staff, General Nicolae Ciucă.

They discussed aspects of ACT support for the conceptual development of cooperation between the maritime and air components of the forward allied presence in the region, to the south of



Minister Mihnea Motoc and General Denis Mercier,  
Commander ACT – foto Agerpres



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the Eastern Flank, especially the command and control elements, education, training, force generation and support initiatives.

The Romanian minister stressed the importance of a quick implementation by NATO military authorities, of the decisions taken at the Summit in Warsaw, on the adapted forward presence in the southern region of the Eastern Flank.

### **Defence Ministers' Meeting with the Partners of the Interoperability Platform**

Minister Mihnea Motoc participated in NATO Defence Ministers' meeting with the partners of the Interoperability Platform, on Saturday, July 9, during NATO Summit in Warsaw.

The meeting agenda included aspects concerning the cooperation between NATO and the 25 partners of this Platform, with a view to identifying the best ways to make their participation in the process of crises management more efficient. During the talks, allies and partners pondered on cooperation in countering current and future threats to the security environment.

Interoperability, as a distinct field, got official recognition at the last NATO Summit in Wales, in 2014, when the Alliance launched the initiative, in this format, as an Interoperability Platform.

In his speech, the Romanian defence minister was in favor of reaching interoperability by the partners as a priority for the future cooperation with the Alliance, pointing out in this respect, the importance of cooperation with the Republic of Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine. He stressed that maintaining and consolidating this cooperation in terms of crises management and countering threats to our security and stability is essential for enhancing NATO capacity in general.

At the same time, minister Motoc mentioned the need to strengthen NATO's role in projecting stability to the east and south of the Alliance, through specific mechanisms of support offered to the partners in these regions, for the development of the crises management capabilities and national resilience in general.



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## Defence Minister's Meeting with the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

While at NATO Summit in Warsaw, the Minister of National Defence, Mihnea Motoc, had a meeting with Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission.

The two officials talked of topics of interest for the present security and defence field, such as the Global Strategy of the European Union, a recent document presented at the

meeting of the European Council of June 28 – 29, 2016, the impact of BREXIT on the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) and the cooperation between NATO and the EU. They discussed the need to continue promoting the EU as a global player and security provider. In this respect, it was mentioned and appreciated the active participation of Romania to consolidating CSDP.

Minister Motoc pointed out Romania's endorsement of an intensified EU – NATO partnership and the need for a synergic action of the two organizations in fields such as strategic communication and countering hybrid threats.

Minister Motoc briefed the High Representative of EU on the ideas and measures taken by the defence ministry, in preparation of taking over the presidency of the EU Council by Romania in 2019.



Official talks between Minister Mihnea Motoc and the the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Federica Mogherini  
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### Meeting of the Minister of National Defence with His Moldovan Counterpart

While at NATO Summit in Warsaw, the Minister of National Defence, Mihnea Motoc, had a meeting with his counterpart from the Republic of Moldova, Anatol Şalaru.

The talks focused mainly on the developments of the security environment and the perspectives of bilateral defence cooperation.

Minister Motoc emphasized that Romania gives a special attention to the cooperation with the Republic of Moldova and assured his counterpart of the commitment to

offer assistance and support for the modernization of the defence capabilities of the National Armed Forces of the Republic of Moldova, also with the help of the partnership instruments offered by NATO.

The two officials also talked of the beneficial aspects of participating in common education and training activities organized at national or multinational level.



Mihnea Motoc and the Defence Minister of the Republic of Moldova,  
Anatol Şalaru – foto Agerpres

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## Romanian Delegation at NATO Summit in Warsaw

The Minister of National Defence, Mihnea Motoc, will be part of the Romanian delegation, headed by President Klaus Werner Iohannis, that participates in NATO Summit in Warsaw, over July 8 to 9, 2016.

Minister Motoc will participate in a working dinner of the allied defence ministers on Friday, July 8, when they will discuss ways of implementing NATO decisions on collective defence and deterrence, the allied presence along the entire Eastern Flank of NATO and the cooperation framework in the southern part of the Alliance, while keeping up the support for NATO partners.

On Saturday, July 9, NATO defence ministers will meet with the partners in the Interoperability Platform. The discussions will focus on NATO contribution to the international efforts of crises management and projecting stability in the eastern and southern neighboring regions, in the spirit of a comprehensive approach.

The Romanian defence minister will also have bilateral meetings with the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Federica Mogherini, with his German counterpart, Ursula von der Leyen and Defence Minister of the Republic of Moldova, Anatol Şalaru.

The chief of General Staff, General Nicolae-Ionel Ciucă is also part of the delegation headed by President Klaus Werner Iohannis.



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