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**Meeting Between the Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa,
and NATO Secretary General, Anders Fogh Rasmussen**

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Minister Mircea Duşa and NATO Secretary General, Anders Fogh Rasmussen,
during the ceremony at the defence ministry

At the beginning of the official meeting, held on May 16, the Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, thanked NATO Secretary General for the work done in the North-Atlantic Alliance and said he considered Anders Fogh Rasmussen's leadership, during the five years of his mandate has had a positive impact on NATO.

In turn, the Alliance's Secretary-General thanked the Minister of National Defence for the increase of the defence budget, appreciating that Romania understood the need to ensure proper funding of the defence segment.

In this respect, Minister Mircea Duşa reaffirmed Romania's Government commitment to supplement the funds of the institution with

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a view to modernizing and equipping the Armed Forces of Romania. The analysis of the security situation in the region was another topic on the agenda of the meeting.

The Secretary-General has brought into question the themes on the agenda of the meeting of the North Atlantic Council in defence ministers' format, which will be held in Brussels on 3 and 4 June, considering that this event will be the preliminary stage of preparation of the Wales Summit of September this year.

"The project I endorse, that is the need to set NATO bases on the eastern flank of the Alliance, is an ambitious plan that we will discuss at the Summit, where we will take decisions on the long-term measures necessary to strengthen collective defence. Collective defence remains NATO's primary mission".

The two officials also discussed Romania's participation in the future NATO operations, maritime and air security systems, as well as the missile defense system.

A center of social and behavioral investigations was established in MoD

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, ordered that a Center of social and behavioral investigations be established at the level of the defence ministry.

The experts of the center will manage prophylaxis and countering of operational stress specific to military operations by training personnel psychologically and identifying early cases that may result in psychological and behavioral disorders.

The psychologists of the center will offer psychological counseling and psychotherapy to personnel with specific symptoms of dysfunctional behavior.

BSDA 2014 - International Exhibition on Defense, Aerospace, Homeland Security, Cyber Security and Safety & Security

„Black Sea Defense & Aerospace 2014” International Exhibition - BSDA 2014 was organized at ROMAERO Exhibition Center. This year's edition that lasted from 14 to 16 May, brought together over 200 companies from 15 countries.

On the first day of the event, dedicated to the Ministry of National Defence, the conference hall of Romaero facility hosted a seminar on „Defence industry opportunities in today's environment challenges”, attended by experts from Romanian



Official opening of the International Exhibition on Defense, Aerospace, Homeland Security, Cyber Security and Safety & Security – BSDA 2014)

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companies as well as NATO Support Agency (NSPA) and NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCIA).

BSDA 2014 aimed at identifying opportunities and finding cooperation solutions for production or business, promoting the Romanian defence industry at international level, facilitating its access to international markets, potential cooperation with prestigious companies in the field, with a view to achieving compatibility and interoperability of equipment and technology.

Visit of the Alabama National Guard in Romania

Lieutenant General Ștefan Dănilă received the visit of Major General Perry Smith, Adjutant General of the Alabama National Guard, on Monday, 12 May, during the latter's official visit to Romania.

The visit took place as part of the bilateral cooperation between the Romanian Armed Forces and the National Guard of Alabama that unfolds under the aegis of the State Partnership Program.

The main topics discussed during the meeting included details on the future cooperation, in the light of the new security developments in the region. The chief of the General Staff stressed the importance of the last years' programs conducted at unit level with a view to improving education, training and operational capability.

The US official's agenda includes meetings with the chiefs of service staffs and visits to military units that conduct cooperation programs with the National Guard, military institutions that developed social programs with the Alabama National Guard.

Canadian Aircraft to Land at Câmpia Turzii

Six CF-18 Hornet aircraft of the Royal Air Force of Canada and their flight and technical personnel arrived at the 71st Air Base of Câmpia Turzii, on May 7.

The Canadian troops were planned to participate in training exercises and activities with the Romanian troops.