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regarding the main short-term indicators in September 2002

Industrial production achieved during 1.I–30.IX.2002, increased by 5.2% as compared to the similar period of 2001, both in absolute volume and under comparable conditions from the viewpoint of the working days number. The growth was exclusively determined by the manufacturing, where it was 6.7%, while mining and quarrying and electric and thermal energy, gas and water registered falls (-2.2%, respectively -2.0%).

By main industrial groups, during this period, the output increased in absolute volume by 12.0% for durable goods, by 9.2% for current use goods, by 4.6% for intermediate goods and by 1.4% for capital goods. A fall was registered for energy production (-0.5%).

In comparison with the similar month of 2001 industrial production achieved in September was by 9.0% higher in absolute volume and by 5.2% under comparable conditions from the viewpoint of the working days number.

On 30.IX.2002, the value of stocks of finished products in industry, amounted to 45792 billion current prices, representing 36.8% of September resources.

During 1.I.–30.IX.2002, **the main resources of primary energy** accounted for 27931.7 thousand tons equivalent oil¹⁾, of which 18443.0 thousand tons equivalent oil¹⁾ of domestic production. As against the similar period of the previous year, the resources of primary energy registered a fall of 3.3%.

The production of electric energy amounted to 39585.8 million kWh, by 1.8% higher than during the same period of 2001. Electric energy obtained in hydro-power stations represented 29.4% of total production, by 4.4% more than the similar period of the last year.

¹⁾ Conventional fuel with calorific power of 10.000 kcal/kg.

In **agriculture**, according to the current data provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forests, on October, 31, 2002, as against the programmed areas, the harvesting carried out was 99.9% for autumn potatoes, 96.8% for maize and sorghum, 89.0% for soya, 68.7% for sugar beet. At the same date, the ploughings for autumn sowings were carried out on 2303.0 thousand hectares (92.5% of the programmed area).

The livestock, existent at the end of September 2002, as compared to the same date of the previous year, was by 5.9% higher for pigs, by 5.3% for sheep and goats and by 2.9% for cattle.

During 1.I–31.VIII.2002, the turnover volume of enterprises with main activity **retail trade** (excepting motor vehicles, motor cycles and fuels for motor vehicles) and repair of personal and household goods, was by 1.1% over the level registered during the same period of 2001, this growth being determined by the upward evolution of sale of non-food goods (+6.8%).

In august 2002, the turnover volume was by 3.1% higher than in the same month of the previous year, but it was by 2.3% lower than the previous month. The fall of the turnover as against July 2002 was determined by the fall of retail sales of non-food goods by 5.8%.

During the first eight months of 2002, the turnover volume of enterprises with main activity **sale**²⁾, **maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, retail trade of fuels for motor vehicles**, was 90.1% as against the similar period of the previous year, because of the fall of turnover volume from sale of fuels for motor vehicles by 20.4%, the turnover for sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles being higher (+2.8%).

In August 2002, the turnover volume for this activity was by 3.3% under the level registered in the previous month.

During January 1- August 31, 2002, the activity of **market services rendered to the population** resulted in a turnover by 11.9% lower than during the similar period of the previous year, the only growth being registered in the activity of travel agencies and tourist assistance (+16.4%).

In August 2002, the turnover registered a slight growth as against that obtained in July 2002 (+0.3%).

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, **the number of registered unemployed** at the end of September 2002 was 786.2 thousand persons, by 29.3 thousands less than in the previous month. In comparison with the September 2001, the number of registered unemployed at the agencies for employment was by 39.1 thousand persons higher.

Of total registered unemployed, women represented 44.5%.

In September 2002, **registered unemployment rate** was 8.2% in relation with the total active civil population (8.5% in August 2002). In the same month, women unemployment rate was 7.5% (7.8% in August 2002).

Higher unemployment rates were registered in the following counties: Ialomița (12.9%), Neamț (12.3%), Galați (12.2%), Prahova (12.2%), Hunedoara (11.8%). The lowest unemployment rates were registered in the counties Bihor (3.1%), Satu Mare (4.0%) and Bucharest Municipality (3.4%).

²⁾ Sales of motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts and accessories comprise both wholesales (including export and import activity for motor vehicles), and retail sales according to the CANE.