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regarding the main short-term indicators in November 2002

Industrial production achieved during 1.I–30.XI.2002 increased as against the same period of 2001, both in absolute volume (+5.8%), and under comparable conditions from the viewpoint of the working days number (+6.1%), exclusively due to the manufacturing, where the growth was 7.5%, respectively 7.9%.

By main industrial groups, in this period, the production increased in absolute volume by 13.4% for durable goods, by 9.0% for current use goods, by 6.4% for intermediate goods, by 1.9% la capital goods production and decreased by 0.5% for energy production.

In comparison with the same month of 2001 industrial production achieved in November 2002 was by 7.0% higher in absolute volume and by 10.5% under comparable conditions from the viewpoint of the working days number.

On 30.XI.2002, the value of finished products stocks in industry amounted to ROL 45690 billion current prices, representing 35.4% of November resources.

During 1.I.–30.XI.2002, **the main resources of primary energy** accounted for 34610.8 thousand tons equivalent oil¹⁾, of which 22675.7 thousand tons equivalent oil¹⁾ of domestic production. As against the same period of the previous year, the resources of primary energy registered a fall of 1.5%.

In this period, the production of electric energy amounted 49306.3 million kWh, by 2.5% more than in the same period of 2001. Electric energy obtained in hydro-power stations represented 29.6% of total production, increasing by 6.8% as compared to the same period of the last year.

The livestock, existent at the end of November 2002, as against the same date of 2001, were 4.4% higher for pigs, by 3.4% for sheep and goats and by 2.2% for cattle.

During 1.I.–31.X.2002, the turnover volume of enterprises having main activity the **retail** (excepting motor vehicles, motorcycles and fuels for motor vehicles) and repair of personal and household goods, was by 0.7% over the level registered in the same period of 2001, an important growth being obtained for sales of non-food goods (+7.7%).

In October 2002, the turnover volume was higher than previous month (+1.0%) and kept about the same level as October 2001. The growth of turnover as compared to September 2002 was determined by 2.4% growth of retail sales of food goods.

In those ten months of 2002, the turnover volume of enterprises having main activity **sale²⁾, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, retail of fuels for motor vehicles**, was by 8.7% under the level of the same period of 2001, because of lower turnover volume obtained from sale of fuels for motor vehicles by 18.4%, the turnover of sale maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles being higher (+2.8%).

In October 2002, the turnover volume of this activity was by 7.0% over the level registered in September.

During 1.I.–30.XI.2002, the activity of **market services rendered to the population** pointed out a turnover by 10.9% lower than in the same period of the last year, the only growth being registered in the activity of travel agencies and tourism assistance (+12.6%).

In October 2002, turnover was by 11.1% lower than in September 2002, growths being registered for “gambling and other recreative activities” (+8.8%) and laundry, cleaning and dyeing textiles and fur (+3.6%).

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, **the number of registered unemployed** at the end of November 2002 was 755.9 thousand persons, falling by 11.8 thousands as against the previous month. In comparison with November 2001, the number of unemployed registered at the agencies for employment was 18.1 thousand persons lower.

Of total unemployed registered, women represented 45.1%.

In November 2002, **the registered unemployment rate** was 8.1% as against total civil active population (8.2%³⁾ in October 2002). In the same month, women unemployment rate was 7.5% (7.7%³⁾ at the end of the previous month).

Higher unemployment rates were registered in the following counties: Vaslui (14.6%), Galați (14.2%), Ialomița (12.4%), Brașov (12.1%). The lowest unemployment rates were registered in the counties Bihor (3.2%), Satu Mare (4.%), Timiș (4.1%), Arad (4.6%) and Bucharest Municipality (3.2%).

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

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

³⁾ Recalculated with civil active population of 1.1.2002.