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#### on the main short term indicators in May and during 1.I-31.V.2004

During 1.I-31.V.2004, **industrial production** was higher in comparison with the same period of 2003, gross index registering a growth of 4.6% and that one calculated under comparable conditions from the viewpoint of the working days number registered a growth of 4.4%.

In May 2004, as against May 2003, both industrial production index calculated under comparable conditions and the gross index increased by 5.2%.

Total turnover<sup>1)</sup> of enterprises having industry as main activity was in real terms by 10.5% higher during 1.I-30.IV.2004, as compared to the same period of the previous year.

During 1.I-31.V.2004, **main resources of primary energy** amounted to 17452.7 thousand tons equivalent oil<sup>2)</sup>, of which 10554.1 thousand tons equivalent oil<sup>2)</sup> from domestic production.

**Livestock**, existent on May 31, 2004, as against May 31, 2003, was by 4.8% higher for sheep and goats, by 4.1% higher for cattle and decreased by 24.0% for pigs.

During 1.I-30.IV.2004, turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **retail trade** (except trade of motor vehicles and motorcycles) was by 15.1% over the level registered in the same period of 2003, higher growths being obtained from sales of non-food goods.

In this period, turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **wholesale and retail trade, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, retail trade of fuels for motor vehicles** was by 12.8% higher as compared to the same period of 2003, being supported by the growth both of turnover volume obtained from retail trade of fuels for motor vehicles (+14.2%) and that obtained from trade of motor vehicles (+ 11.3%).

In the first four months of 2004, the activity of **market services rendered to the population** registered a turnover by 24.1% higher than in the same period of the previous year.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, **the number of**

<sup>1)</sup> Total turnover comes from main activity, and from secondary activities of industrial enterprises.

<sup>2)</sup> Conventional fuel with calorific power of 10 000 kcal/kg.

**unemployed registered** at the end of May 2004 was 617.8 thousand persons. In comparison with May 2003, the number of unemployed registered at the agencies for employment was by 75.3 thousand persons lower. Of total unemployed registered, women represented 40.9%.

**Unemployment rate** registered in May 2004 was 6.8% in relation to total active civil population (7.3% in the previous month and 7.6% in May 2003). In the same month, women unemployment rate was 5.8% (6.2% in April 2004 and 6.8% in May 2003) and for men it was 7.7% (8.3% in April 2004 and 8.4% in May 2003).

Higher unemployment rates were registered in the following counties: Hunedoara (12.1%), Galați (11.9%), Vaslui (11.4%), Olt (11.1%). The lowest unemployment rates were met in the counties: Bihor (1.9%), Satu Mare (2.4%) as well as in Bucharest Municipality (2.9%).