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### regarding the main short term indicators during 1.I-31.V.2005 and in May 2005

During 1.I-31.V.2005, gross index of **manufacturing production** registered a growth of 4.8 %, as compared to the same period of the previous year; per total industry, gross index was 103.8%. In May 2005, as against the same month of 2004, gross index of industrial production decreased by 4.7%.

Total turnover<sup>1)</sup> of enterprises having as main activity industry registered in real terms, an increase of 4.5% during 1.I-31.V.2005, as against the same period of the previous year and in May 2005, as against May 2004, the growth was 5.2%.

**The main resources of primary energy** amounted to 17467.1 thousand tons equivalent oil<sup>2)</sup> during 1.I-31.V.2005, of which 10541.2 thousand tons equivalent oil from domestic production.

In May 2005, the value of **construction works** increased by 0.7% as against the same month of previous year and by 2.2% during 1.I-31.V.2005 as compared to the same period of 2004.

In May 2005, 4200 permits for residential buildings were released.

During 1.I-31.V.2005, turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **retail trade** (except trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles) was by 19.2% over the level registered during 1.I-31.V.2004, higher increases being obtained both for sales of food goods (+22.7%) and for sales of non-food goods (+16.9%).

In May 2005, as compared to the same month of 2004, turnover obtained from retail trade was higher by 14.8% (+13.9% for food goods and +15.4% for non-food goods).

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<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.

During 1.I-31.V.2005, turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **wholesale and retail trade, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles** was by 26.1% higher than in the same period of 2004, being supported both by turnover volume from trade and maintenance of motor vehicles (+35.3%) and by that obtained from retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles (+17.3%).

In May 2005, in comparison with May 2004, turnover was by 30.0% higher because of the growth of turnover obtained both from trade and maintenance of motor vehicles and from retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles (+41.5%, respectively +19.1%).

During 1.I-31.V.2005, the activity of **market services rendered to the population** registered a turnover of 6.4% higher than in the same period of 2004. As compared to the same month of the previous year, in May 2005, a growth of 10.2% was registered.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, the **number of unemployed registered** at the end of May 2005 was 495.9 thousands. In comparison with May 2004, the number of unemployed registered at the agencies for employment was by 121.9 thousands lower. Out of total registered unemployed, women represented 41.1%.

**Unemployment rate** registered in May 2005 was 5.5% in relation to total active civil population (6.9% in May 2004). Female unemployment rate was 4.8% (6.0% in May 2004) and male unemployment rate was 6.1% (7.7% in May 2004).

Higher unemployment rates are registered in the counties: Hunedoara (11.2%), Mehedinți (10.3%), Galați (9.2%), Brașov (8.9%) and Ialomița (8.7%). The lowest unemployment rates were noticed in the counties: Bihor (2.1%), Timiș (2.3%), Satu Mare (2.8%), Arad (3.1%), Ilfov (3.2%), as well as in Bucharest Municipality (2.7%).