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regarding the main short-term indicators during 1.I-30.VI.2005 and in June 2005

During 1.I-30.VI.2005, gross index of **manufacturing production** registered a growth of 4.0% as against the same period of the previous year; per total industry, gross index was 103.0%. In June 2005, in comparison with the same month of 2004, gross index of industrial production decreased by 0.8%.

Total turnover¹⁾ of enterprises having industry as their main activity registered during 1.I-30.VI.2005, in real terms, a growth of 4.1% as against the same period of the previous year; in June 2005, as compared to June 2004, the growth was 2.0%.

During 1.I-30.VI.2005, **main resources of primary energy** amounted to 20840.3 thousand tons equivalent oil²⁾, of which 12425.6 thousand tons equivalent oil from domestic production.

The value of **construction works** increased in June 2005 by 5.7% as against the same month of the previous year and during 1.I-30.VI.2005 by 3.3% as compared to the same period of 2004.

In June 2005, 4843 licenses for residential buildings were released.

During 1.I-30.VI.2005, turnover volume of enterprises having **retail trade** as their main activity (except trade of motor vehicles and motorcycles) was by 18.3% over the level registered during 1.I-30.VI.2004, high growths being obtained both for sales of food goods (+20.8%) and for sales of non-food goods (+16.7%).

In June 2005, as against the same month of 2004, turnover obtained from retail trade was by 14.4% higher (+14.1% for food goods and +14.7% for non-food goods).

During 1.I-30.VI.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 28.4% higher than in the same period of 2004, being supported by

¹⁾ Total turnover is obtained from the main activity as well as from the secondary activities of industrial enterprises.

²⁾ Conventional fuel with calorific power of 10 000 kcal/kg

the growth of turnover volume from trade and maintenance of motor vehicles (+39.2%) and from retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles (+18.1%).

In comparison with June 2004, turnover obtained from this activity in June 2005 was by 37.6% higher due to the growth of turnover obtained from trade and maintenance of motor vehicles and from retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles (+55.3% and +20.5%, respectively).

During 1.I-30.VI.2005, the activity of **market services rendered to the population** pointed out a turnover by 13.1% higher than in the same period of 2004. In comparison with the same month of the previous year, in June 2005, a growth of 28.8% was registered.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, at the end of June 2005, the **number of registered unemployed** was 488.8 thousands. In comparison with June 2004, the number of unemployed registered at the agencies for employment was by 101.5 thousands lower. Of total registered unemployed, women accounted for 41.3%.

Unemployment rate registered in June 2005 was 5.5% in relation to total active civil population, reaching the same level as in May 2005. In June 2004, unemployment rate was 6.6%. Female unemployment rate was 4.8% (5.7% in June 2004) and male unemployment rate was 6.0% (7.3% in June 2004).

High unemployment rates were registered in the following counties: Hunedoara (10.7%), Mehedinți (10.3%), Covasna (9.0%), Ialomița (8.9%), Vaslui (8.8%), Galați (8.7%). The lowest unemployment rates were registered in the following counties: Bihor (1.9%), Timiș (2.2%), Arad and Ilfov (3.1% each), Satu Mare (3.2%), as well as in Bucharest Municipality (2.7%).