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The main short term indicators during 1.I.-31.V.2006 and in May 2006

During 1.I.-31.V.2006, **industrial production** registered a positive evolution as against the same period of the previous year, unadjusted index being 105.9% per total industry and 106.3% at level of manufacturing. In May 2006, the index was 115.7% per total industry as against the same month of the previous year.

Total turnover³⁾ of enterprises having industry as main activity registered during 1.I.-31.V.2006, in real terms, a growth of 4.2% as against 1.I.-31.V.2005; in May 2006, as compared to May 2005, total turnover increased by 5.7%.

Labour productivity in industry registered a growth of 9.9% during 1.I.-31.V.2006 as compared to 1.I.-31.V.2005.

Main resources of primary energy, during 1.I.-31.V.2006, amounted to 17886.3 thousand tons equivalent oil ⁴⁾, of which 10510,6 thousand tons equivalent oil of domestic production.

Value of **construction works** increased during 1.I.-31.V.2006 by 15.8% as against the same period of 2005 and by 11.8% in May 2006 as against May 2005.

4700 residential buildings permits were released in May 2006.

During 1.I.-31.V.2006, turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **retail trade** (except trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles) were by 25.1% over the level registered during 1.I.-31.V.2005, higher growths being obtained for sales of food goods, beverages and tobacco (+32.7%).

In May 2006 as against May 2005, turnover obtained from retail trade was by 34.2% (+40.2% higher for food goods, beverages and tobacco and +29.4% for non-food goods).

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**

³⁾ Total turnover comes from main activity and from secondary activities of industrial type enterprises.

⁴⁾ Conventional fuel with calorific power of 10 000 kcal/kg.

motor vehicles registered during 1.I.-31.V.2006 was by 17.4% higher than during 1.I.-31.V.2005.

In comparison with May 2005, turnover obtained from this activity in May 2006 was by 28.1% higher because of higher turnover both from trade and maintenance of motor vehicles and from retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles (+35.6%, respectively +19.3%).

The activity of **market services rendered to the population** during 1.I.-31.V.2006 pointed out a turnover by 8.4% higher than during 1.I.-31.V.2005. In comparison with May 2005, a growth of 36.6% was registered in May 2006.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, **number of unemployed registered** at the end of May 2006 was 481.2 thousands. As against May 2005, number of unemployed registered at the agencies for employment was by 14.7 thousands higher. Out of total registered unemployed, women represented 39.9 %.

Unemployment rate registered in May 2006 was 5.5% in relation to total civil active population (5.6% in May 2005). Female unemployment rate was by 1.6 percentage points lower than male unemployment rate (4.6% as against 6.2%).

Higher unemployment rates were registered in the following counties: Vaslui (10.0%), Mehedinți (9.8%), Gorj (9.7%), Harghita (9.0%), Ialomița (8.5%), Hunedoara and Teleorman (8.3% each), Galați (8.2%). The lowest unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Timiș (2.2%), Ilfov (2.3%), Bihor (3.0%), as well as in Bucharest Municipality (2.7%).