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**on the main short-term indicators during 1.I.-30.VI.2006
and in June 2006**

In June 2006, the rise of **consumer prices** was 0.15% compared to the previous month, 0.45% for non-food goods and 0.81% for tariffs of services; a 0.45% decline was registered for food goods.

During 1.I.-30.VI.2006, **industrial production** experienced a positive evolution as against the same period of the previous year, the gross index being 106.7% per total industry and 107.2% at the level of manufacturing. In June 2006, the index was 110.6% per total industry compared to the same month of the previous year.

Between January 1 and June 30, 2006, the total turnover¹⁾ of enterprises having industry as their main activity registered a 5.5% growth (in real terms) as against the period 1.I.-30.VI.2005.

Labour productivity in industry experienced a 10.7% increase during 1.I.-30.VI.2006 compared to 1.I.-30.VI.2005.

The **main resources of primary energy** during 1.I.-30.VI.2006 amounted to 21193.9 thousand tonnes oil equivalent²⁾, of which 12474.6 thousand tonnes oil equivalent came from domestic production.

The value of **construction works** increased by 16.4% during 1.I.-30.VI.2006 as against the same period of 2005 and by 17.4% in June 2006 compared to June 2005.

5449 residential building permits were issued in June 2006.

During 1.I.-30.VI.2006, the turnover volume of enterprises whose main activity is **retail trade** (except trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles) increased by 25.1% over the level registered during 1.I.-30.VI.2005, significant growths being obtained for sales of food goods, beverages and tobacco (+30.2%).

In June 2006, as compared to June 2005, the turnover obtained from retail trade was 27.2% higher (+24.4% for food goods, beverages and tobacco and +29.5% for non-food goods).

¹⁾ Total turnover comes from the main and secondary activities of industrial enterprises

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

The turnover volume of enterprises having as their main activity **wholesale and retail trade, the maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, the retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles** registered during 1.I.-30.VI.2006 increased by 16.5% over the level reached during 1.I.-30.VI.2005.

Compared to June 2005, the turnover resulted from this activity in June 2006 was 11.5% higher due to the rise in the turnover mainly obtained from the trade and maintenance of motor vehicles (+18.7%).

During 1.I.-30.VI.2006, the activity of **market services provided to the population** gave a 4.9% higher turnover as against the period 1.I.-30.VI.2005. Compared to June of the previous year, a 20.3% growth was registered in June 2006.

The **number of employees** was 4612.2 thousand people in June 2006, 8.2 thousand more than in May 2006.

The **gross nominal average earning** per economy in June 2006 was RON 1112, the net earning amounting to RON 835, increasing by 0.3% and 0.2%, respectively, compared to the previous month.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, the **number of registered unemployed** at the end of June 2006 was 465.9 thousand people. As against June 2005, the number of unemployed registered at the agencies for employment was smaller by 22.9 thousand people. Women accounted for 40.7%.of the total number of registered unemployed.

The **unemployment rate** registered in June 2006 was 5.3% in proportion to the total civil active population (5.6% in June 2005). Female unemployment rate was 1.4 percentage points lower than male unemployment rate (4.6% compared to 6.0%).

High unemployment rates were registered in the following counties: Vaslui (10.1%), Mehedinți (9.5%), Gorj (9.1%), Harghita (9.0%), Ialomița (8.5). The lowest unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Timiș (2.2%), Ilfov (2.3%), Bihor (2.9%), as well as in Bucharest Municipality (2.7%).