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NATO Meetings in Brussels**

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Family photo with participants at the meeting of the EU Military Committee.

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The Chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Ștefan Dănilă, participated in the meetings of the European Union Military Committee and the NATO Military Committee at Chiefs of Defence level organized in Brussels, between 24 and 26 April, 2012.

The agenda of the European Union Military Committee (EUMC) included discussions on: „Pooling and Sharing“ and on Single European Sky-SESAR, EUMC strategic priorities and EU-led operations: EUFOR ALTHEA, EU NAVFOR Atalanta, EUTM Somalia which fights piracy off the Horn of Africa.

On 25-26 April, participants in NATO Military Committee in Chiefs of Staff Session (MCCS) focused on the NATO Strategic Plan for Afghanistan (operation ISAF), the evolution of NATO and NATO-led operations, future ways of cooperating with partners, operational aspects.

During the bilateral meetings with NATO/EU officials, Lieutenant General Ștefan Dănilă talked about the transformation of the Romanian Armed Forces, priorities of military reforms, Romanian participation in theaters of operations, aspects concerning the deployment of the US ballistic missile defence in Romania, defence procurement programs and bilateral cooperation.

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Ceremony for the Investiture of Mr. Corneliu Dobrițoiu as Minister of National Defence



Minister of National Defence, Corneliu Dobrițoiu,
reviewing the Guard of Honor

The ceremony for the investiture of Mr. Corneliu Dobrițoiu as minister of national defence took place on Tuesday, 8 May, at the Ministry of National Defence headquarters.

The investiture ceremony started with the playing of Romania's national anthem. Romania's Prime Minister, Victor Ponta, addressed the audience by mentioning the fact that he attended this investiture ceremony in respect of the fundamental institution of the Romanian state. *I will offer you the support needed to preserve your dignity, reach the level and meet the standards set by NATO for its members' armed forces,* stated Victor Ponta.

Recently invested as minister of national defence,

Corneliu Dobrițoiu enumerated some of the defence policy goals, also outlining the importance to continue implementing the operational commitments not only at domestic level but also those assumed as part of NATO and EU. The new minister of national defence ensured the audience that he would dedicate his efforts to accomplish all the above mentioned goals.

The ceremony was attended by the Chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Ștefan Dănilă, the Deputy Chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Dan Ghica-Radu, the presidential advisor for national defense and security, Iulian Fota, representatives of the ministry's central structures and Services, foreign military attachés accredited to Bucharest, reserve and retired military personnel.

9 May - State Independence Day of Romania, Europe Day and Victory Day of the Allies of WW II



30th „Mihai Viteazul“ Guard Regiment marching at the Tomb
of the Unknown Soldier in Carol Park

The Ministry of National Defence organized on 9 May meaningful activities in celebration of the State Independence Day of Romania, Europe Day and the Victory Day of the Allies of WW II.

Wreath-laying ceremonies were organized in Bucharest at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (Carol Park, at 08:30), at the Monument of Romanian Heroes killed on duty (Tineretului Park, at 08:30) and the Monument of WW II Heroes („Carol I“ National Defence University, at 10.30).

Wreath-laying ceremonies were organized at heroes' monuments in county capital cities and locations where large units are deployed. The

ceremonies were attended by active-duty, reserve and retired military personnel, war veterans and local public authorities.