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**Flag Hoisting Ceremony at the
Headquarters Multinational Division South-East**

Special points of interests:

- Flag Hoisting Ceremony at the Headquarters Multinational Division South-East
- Medical Delegation from People's Republic of China, on official visit to Romania
- Defence Minister's Meeting with the Chief Executive of the European Defence Agency



The Minister of National Defence and the MNDSE Commander,
Brigadier General Daniel Petrescu

Ministry of National Defence, Mihai Fifor, and the Chief of Defence Staff, General Nicolae Ciucă participated in the flag hoisting and national anthem playing ceremony of the NATO member states, on Friday, September 7th, at the Headquarters Multinational Division South-East.

The ceremony was a sign of appreciation of the commitment of the troop contributors to this multinational structure and marked three years since the establishment of the HQ MND-SE, at September 1st 2015.

The ceremony was also attended by NATO officials as well as Ambassadors of the Alliance member states in Romania.

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Medical Delegation from People's Republic of China, on official visit to Romania

On Thursday, September 6th, State Secretary for Defence Policy, Planning and International Relations, Mircea Duşa, received the visit of a medical delegation from the People's Republic of China's Defence Ministry, headed by Major General Chen Jingyuan, General Manager of the Medical Service.

The visit was made following the invitation of the MoND Medical Directorate, as

part of the Cooperation Plan between the Romanian and Chinese Ministries of National Defence.

Current and common interest topics from the fields of military medicine and medical-military educational system were approached during the official talks.

"Among the practical fields of cooperation, we excelled in the military medicine one. We also have a good cooperation relation in the fields of education and military history and we would like to enhance this collaboration. I hope this visit will help identify new ways of practical cooperation among the military hospitals of our countries", Mircea Duşa stated.

The State Secretary emphasized the fact that Romania and The People's Republic of China participate together in UN-led missions, thus, significantly contributing to the increase of stability and peace consolidation in the designated instability areas.

The Chinese delegation is scheduled to be in Romania though 6-9 September, and the programme includes talks on medical topics between Brigadier General Physician Ionel Oprea, Chief of Medical Directorate, and Major General Chen Jingyua, and two visits – at "Carol Davila" Central Military Emergency Hospital from Bucharest, and "Regina Maria" Military Emergency Hospital from Braşov.



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Defence Minister's Meeting with the Chief Executive of the European Defence Agency

On Monday, September 3rd, Defence Minister Mihai Fifor, together with State Secretary Mircea Duşa and Chief of Defence Nicolae Ciucă had a meeting with the Chief Executive of the European Defence Agency (EDA), Jorge Domecq, who was on official visit to Romania.

The main topic of discussions was enhancing dialogue with EDA, in the context of Romania's efforts made in order to take over and exert the EU Council Chairmanship.

“We appreciate the fact that you are in Romania today, in such an important period for us– the preparation to take over EU Council Chairmanship. It is a role that generates additional responsibilities for our country and, at the same time, provides opportunities for the promotion of certain priorities of EDA's lines of actions”, minister Mihai Fifor stated.

Also, the two officials exchanged ideas on the decisions taken in the recent EU Informal Meeting of Defence Ministers in Vienna, on the main areas of interest- Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO), Coordinated Annual Review on Defence (CARD), Capability Development Plan (CDP), defence research and the efforts made by the Support Commission of the Defence Capability Development Processes.

Also, European Defence Industrial Development Program (EDIDP), the European Defence Fund (EDF), military mobility, NATO-UE relations, Romania's priorities while holding EU Council's Chairmanship in the field of Common Security and Defence Policy, as well as the activities organized in cooperation with EDA in this context were some of the topics listed on the meeting agenda.



Minister Fifor and the Chief Executive of EDA, Jorge Domecq