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### **ROMANIA**

Romania deployed in 2006 more than 2,070 land force personnel in operations, of which approximately 1,450 land forces in NATO operations, and approximately 620 in non-NATO operations. This stands for 3.1%, respectively 1.33% (in all 4.43%) of its reported land forces strength. The average of total armed forces deployed in 2006 was more than 2,270 personnel.

Romanian land forces have participated in KFOR, ISAF, NTM-I, coalition operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, and several other EU, UN and OSCE missions. In 2007, Romania provided a significant contribution to Afghanistan in both coalition and NATO missions (more than 800 personnel), as well as to Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (more than 780 personnel). It is particularly engaged in the south of Afghanistan and its contribution will be consolidated in 2008 by a Special Forces Unit, an Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team (OMLT) at the brigade level, and a Romanian Task Force having as a core the extant manoeuvre battalion. Romania also contributes one frigate periodically to Operation ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR. Air force operational commitments during 2006 included a helicopter detachment in support of operations in the Balkans and an air transport aircraft and an air traffic control team for ISAF. Furthermore, Romania assumed the air policing task over the Baltic States for three months in 2007.

With respect to standby arrangements, Romanian Armed Forces contribute to the NRF, EU Battle Groups and to the UN Standby High Readiness Brigade (SHIRBRIG). The Romanian Army has provided support elements to the NRF (including one artillery battalion to NRF 2007/1) which will be increased in size and scope (one brigade headquarters and one mechanized infantry battalion to NRF 2013/2). Army elements have also been committed to a Greece-led EU Battle Group (on standby in 2007/2 and 2009/1) and to a Battle Group led by Italy in 2009.

Romania is a constant contributor to political-military regional cooperation initiatives. One vessel is regularly assigned to BLACKSEAFOR, when activated. Romania participates in the Multinational Peace Force South Eastern Europe (SEEBRIG), in a multinational engineer battalion with Hungary, Slovakia, Ukraine, and in a bilateral peacekeeping battalion with Hungary.

The Land Forces strength as reported for 2006 is: approximately 46,800; deployable personnel is more than 3,500 (7.7%); sustainable personnel is more than 2,800 (6.03%).

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