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UNDP OPENS OFFICE IN ROMANIA

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The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Romanian Government have announced the opening of a UNDP office in Bucharest.

Heading the office as UNDP's Representative in Romania is Alexander H. Rotival, who arrived in Bucharest last month and was received by Romania's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Corneliu Manescu. The new office will function under the general aegis of the Representative of the United Nations Development Programme in Europe, based in Geneva.

Mr. Rotival, a United States national, joined UNDP in 1964 from US AID and has since served assignments in the People's Republic of the Congo, Chad and UNDP Headquarters, New York. He was educated at the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., Columbia University, New York and the Sorbonne, Paris.

UNDP, in co-operation with the Government, has initiated, to date, six major projects in Romania involving a total expenditure of \$41.1 million. Of this amount, the Government is contributing the equivalent of \$32.49 million and the UNDP \$8.6 million.

Projects include the establishment and operation of pilot irrigation stations in the Danube plain (UNDP earmarking \$1.6 million); the Management Development Centre, Bucharest (UNDP \$2.2 million); the Plant Breeding and Seed Production, Fundulea (UNDP \$1.4 million); Polytechnic Institute, Bucharest (UNDP \$962,000); Assistance in water pollution control (UNDP \$1.3 million); and development of tourism (UNDP \$1.2 million).

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