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**Gheorghe TINCA**  
(Phonetic: TEENkuh)

**ROMANIA**

*Minister of National Defense*  
*(since March 1994)*

membership in Partnership for Peace in his public statements and meetings [Redacted] He also has traveled to Great Britain and Belgium to promote military cooperation, according to press reports. [Redacted]

*Addressed as: Mr. Minister*

A review [Redacted] of official press releases yields the following biographic information. Tinca was born on 21 September 1941 in Bucharest. He graduated from the law faculty of the University of Bucharest in 1964 and subsequently studied international relations at the graduate level (1965-66). He rose through the MFA ranks in postings to Geneva (1972-79) and New York (1982-87), as well as in several assignments in the MFA's international organizations directorate. In 1991 he was named the secretary of state for arms control and disarmament issues. Tinca was secretary of state for the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America and, concurrently, acting director for multilateral affairs from January 1993 until his current assignment. [Redacted]

The first civilian defense minister in over five decades, Gheorghe Tinca is a highly regarded, Western-oriented professional diplomat. [Redacted] Tinca brings to his new position more than 25 years at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and strong credentials on arms control and multilateral affairs, issues that are likely to be at the top of his agenda. Prime Minister Nicolae Vacaroiu chose Tinca for the defense post, partly on the basis of his status as a nonpolitician, to help Romania's case for entry into NATO and other Western institutions. [Redacted] Vacaroiu publicly stated that he appointed a civilian defense minister to help Romania meet admission requirements imposed by the Council of Europe. [Redacted]

Tinca and his wife, Ileana-Rodica, have two children. He speaks French and English. [Redacted]

[Redacted] Tinca has made a smooth transition into his new job. [Redacted] he has relied on his much-respected predecessor to facilitate his early meetings with top officers and visiting military delegations. Since his appointment, he has been a steadfast proponent of Romania's

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