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## PRESS RELEASE

## Day off on November 3<sup>rd</sup>

The Government has decided to grant the day off on 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, 2016, to all employees and agents of ministries, departments and State agencies including all State institutes and other Bodies.

This decision is based on Law no. 10/2005, of August 10<sup>th</sup>, which determines the national holidays, the official commemorative dates and the rules for days off. Among the official commemorative dates are November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Saints Day and All Souls Day, respectively. These solemn days have great significance for the Christian community, which, following a catholic tradition that dates back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> century, visit the tombs of the martyrs and all their loved ones.

Taking into account the trips to the municipalities to fulfil this tradition, the Government decided to grant the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November as a day off, in order to allow time for people to return to their place of residence. **ENDS** 

