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Subject: EU external policy and the situation in Transdniestria

Following the opening, on 2 March 2008, in Transdniestria (a part of Moldova situated on the left bank of the Dniester) of 23 polling stations for the elections to the presidency of the Russian Federation (without the legal agreement of the Moldovan authorities), and in view of the statements made on 11 March 2008 by the President of Moldova, Vladimir Voronin, who said in an interview with the newspaper 'Kommersant' that he 'had secured a guarantee from the Kremlin concerning the country's territorial integrity in exchange for not joining NATO', there is sufficient reason to favour a nuanced reformulation of external policy as regards this region bordering on the EU.

What is the Commission's position on these political 'signals' emanating from a region adjoining the Union's eastern frontiers?