

Question for written answer E-007339/2013
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Official status of Transnistria

Moldova has not exercised sovereign control over the breakaway territory of Transnistria since 1992. Russian troops continue to be stationed there, and Romanian-language education remains restricted by the Transnistrian Government. As a member state of the Eastern Partnership and a prospective future EU candidate country, Moldova should enjoy the same sovereign rights as any other European state. In this connection,

1. what efforts are currently being made by the EU to resolve the question of Transnistria's status?
2. will entrepreneurs in Transnistria use the provisions of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA) with Moldova once it has been signed, and if so in what way?
3. what impact will the signing of an association agreement have on the situation in Transnistria?
4. what aid, if any, is the EU sending to Transnistria, and is it being used to support educational and cultural programmes?