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to the Commission**

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Subject: Moldova/Russia

The strip of Russian-speaking territory making up Transnistria, which is economically dependent on Russia, seceded from Moldova in 1992. In a referendum held in 2006, a majority of the inhabitants of the region, which the international community does not recognise as an independent State, voted in favour of rejoining Russia. Moscow already has several thousand soldiers stationed in the territory.

Transnistrian leaders called on the Russian parliament in March to draft a law enabling Russia to absorb the region.

For its part, Moscow complained that Moldova and Ukraine were blocking the Transnistrian border.

Moldova, which has a Romanian-speaking majority, has urged the EU to speed up signature of an association agreement and offer the country clear prospects of accession.

1. Where has the EU got to as regards the association agreement with Moldova?
2. What other action could be taken to protect Moldova against a Russian invasion?
3. Knowing that Russian-speakers can sometimes make up almost a third of the population of Baltic countries, how can the EU arm itself against situations like those of Ukraine or the region of Transnistria?