Trans-Dniester region pleads to join Russia With Moldova's breakaway Dniester Alice UKRAINE Trans-Dniester region now asking to join Russia, there are concerns Trans-Dniester that Moscow's annexation of Russian Crimea could set a precedent troops: for other Russian-dominated 1.500 territories of former **Tiraspol** Soviet republics TRANS-DNIESTER FACTFILE ROMANIA Split from Moldova in war in Chisinau 1991-92 amid collapse of USSR **ETHNIC BREAKDOWN*** Self-declared independent state UKRAINE is not recognised internationally Moldovans 32% ■ Referendum in 2006 saw 97.2% Russians vote in favour of joining Russia 30% ■ Population: **555,000*** Ukrainians 40km ■ Area: 4,000 sq km 29% **BELARUS** Ukraine: **Territories** Districts with with strong large number of links to Russian speakers Russia Kiev ■ RUSSIA 0 UKRAINE **Trans-Dniester** Kharkiv 1 Luhansk Donetsk Odessa 200km **GEORGIA:** MOLDOVA 125 miles Pro-Russian separatist regions ROMANIA recognised by Russia Abkhazia Crimea: South Sevastopol Annexed by Ossetia Russia after declaring **BULGARIA** independence from BLACK Ukraine SFA TURKEY

Source: Trans-Dniester census, 2004

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