

Trans-Dniester region pleads to join Russia

With Moldova's breakaway Trans-Dniester region now asking to join Russia, there are concerns that Moscow's annexation of Crimea could set a precedent for other Russian-dominated territories of former Soviet republics



TRANS-DNIESTER FACTFILE

- Split from Moldova in war in 1991-92 amid collapse of USSR
- Self-declared independent state is not recognised internationally
- Referendum in 2006 saw 97.2% vote in favour of joining Russia
- Population: **555,000***
- Area: **4,000 sq km**

ROMANIA

ETHNIC BREAKDOWN*

Moldovans
32%
Russians
30%
Ukrainians
29%

