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Here is an assessment from EUR:

Re: [redacted]'s comments on Romania/Moldova

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2006, he said, "We are the only country, the only people, which remain still divided. Germany reunited its nation; Romania remains still divided into two countries. But, I repeat, our reunification will occur inside of the European Union and in no other way." In 2009, he said "Who can imagine that a head of Romanian state will sign a treaty to entrench the Molotov-von Ribbentrop Pact?"

During his late January trip to Chisinau, Basescu's message [redacted] on territorial integrity and supportive of EU integration. He said "Romania recognized the state borders of the Republic of Moldova inherited from the former Soviet Union. Romania agrees to sign an agreement in regards to the existent border regime, the way it was inherited from the USSR." Romania and Moldova, in fact, have good relations and no real border issues; the two governments are working on an agreement to make cross-border travel easier for Moldovans.

The biggest challenge to Moldova's territorial integrity is Transnistria, where de facto authorities rely on the long-term presence of Russian forces for political support. Moldova's leaders seek a transition to a multilateral presence and withdrawal of Russian troops, but this is not likely without a political settlement on Transnistria's reintegration. Moldovan and Transnistrian authorities are pursuing quiet confidence building measures and [redacted] [redacted] (Russia, Moldova, Ukraine, Transnistria and the OSCE are the 5 parties and the US and EU are the 2 observers), but [redacted]

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