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**THE UNION STATE OF
BELARUS AND RUSSIA AND
THE EURASIAN
ECONOMIC UNION**

**TRANSNISTRIA,
UNRECOGNIZED NATION-
STATE**

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The Russian foreign policy traditional focus on its sphere of influence, or "near abroad", back from the second half of the 90's, led to an integration policy after the second mandate of president Putin. The Russian and Belarusian Union State and the Eurasian Economic Union (hereafter the EAEU) being the two most ambitions projects. Although Russia is believed to be the driving force in both cases today, delving into the other side's perspectives, especially, the one of Belarus, is our new publication subject. The reconfiguration of the bilateral relations since the annexion of Crimea, repositioned Belarus' foreign and domestic policy and enables Belarus to project a new image of "neutrality" abroad.

**LA RECONFIGURATION DES
RELATIONS RUSSO-
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