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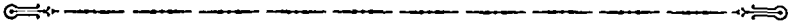
Dr. Zwetkoff analyzes the effectiveness and feasibility of using traditional ADR techniques to resolve environmental disputes in Belgium.

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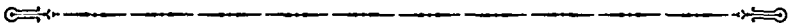
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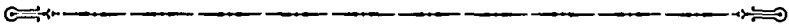
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