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the context of globalization cannot take place only in the framework of State frontiers; international norms mechanisms and institutions are indispensable in order to strengthen cooperation between States to anticipate risks and prevent any prejudice to people and goods. This necessitates the adoption of appropriate obligations of prevention with the corresponding international responsibility. The development of an international law of prevention, as a process, has to be accompanied by judicial guarantees at national, regional and global levels. International Dispute Resolution, With Specific Attention to China, Christine Chinkin

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