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improved. The author concludes that GATT reforms, such as the incorporation of environmental principles into GATT jurisprudence, are critical to ensuring the legality of legitimate environmental protection measures. Such efforts would serve to safeguard both the environment and a more stable international trading system. The study was financed by the Brussels Capital Region through the Visiting Scientist's Programme.
