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the significance and further functioning of the group. Part two is the analysis of preparation, course and effects of subsequent G20 summits in the years 2008-2013.
