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taken under Chapter VII. Finally, the work discusses recent proposals to enhance the Council's legitimacy.
