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Our speaker here is particularly qualified for this subject. He is a Dutch national, a Dutch citizen, a U.S. teacher of International Law at Columbia University and the Director of the Parker School of International Law at Columbia. Mr. Smit graduated from the University of Lydon. He was first in his class at Columbia University Law School. He worked briefly at Sullivan & Cromwell. He wrote a book on the European Community, a seven-volume book on the European Community. He is also a renowned international arbitrator. He has published a number of articles on the EU and on International arbitration. In forums like this he is a star.

I am honored to present Mr. Smit.

