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The Second International Conference of declared problematics on the initiative of the Center for the Development of International Cooperation of Manufacturers and Consumers of Gemstones, and of the Federal State Unitary Enterprise "Supermetall" shall be held on September 11—15, 2006 in Berlin. "PM/PS" published Press Release of the Organizing Committee of the International Conference.

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