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First Economic Forum takes place in Prague.

Economic Forum is renamed as the Economic and Environmental Forum.

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