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- Driving cars with improved safety standards. By adopting global safety standards for automobiles, notably the Agreement Concerning the Establishing of Global Technical Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Eculoment, and Parts Which Can Be Fitted and/or
- Wheeled Vehicles (1998 eing able to call Arkansas, Missouri, or most of 4 Montana home. As the result of the bilateral treaty known as the Louisiana Purchase (1803)
- Placing and receiving telephone calls worldwide. 5 By creating an international communication network and by reaching an international agreement preventing national claims to the geostationary orbit. See the 3655 Constitution of what is now called the International Telecommunications Union, the okdeat itergovernmental organization, and the Treaty on rinciples Governing the Activities of States in the ration and Use of Outer Space, including the and Other Celestial Bodies (UN Space Treat

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ons (1961).

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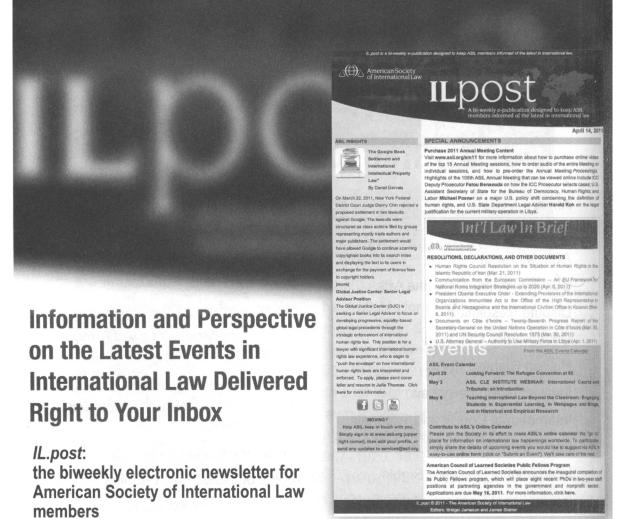
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