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Our final session, the climax session at this conference, is “Looking Ahead: Common Institutions or Muddling Through?” We have a speaker with whom I have had a long and very close association. He is the Canadian Chairman of the Joint ABA-CBA-Barra Mexicana Working Group on the Settlement of International Disputes. Our recommendations were, to a large extent, incorporated into the NAFTA. Many state and provincial laws and cross-border solutions were enacted as a result of what the Joint Working Group recommended. It is a recourse for victims of cross-border pollution attempting to give them standing in the courts of the polluter, which is very difficult both from a state-to-state and primarily of a cross-border standpoint.

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So, without further adieu, I present Brad Smith, eminently qualified to discuss this topic.