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# Innovative Materials, Nature-Based Solutions and Energy-Efficient Solutions in Sustainable Buildings and Cities

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