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We firmly believe that the independent media coverage for this event needs to be self-organized. Indymedia is 100% voluntary and does not have the resources or desire to have any sort of corporate-style management structures. So, if you think something needs to be done, you need to get involved to make it happen.

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