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However, we feel strongly ICRC, as confirmed in last night's Bern meeting, should be negotiating instrumentality. Is GOJ our wish to concert more closely with/RE3 in this phase.