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Clause 3

Replace the normative references with the following.

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ISO/IEC 10646:2003/Amd.1:2005 *Information technology – Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set (UCS: Architecture and Basic Multilingual Plane Amendment 1: Glagolitic, Coptic, Georgian and other characters.*

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Annex A
(normative)

Common Template Table

In order to minimize formatting problems and the risk of errors in reproduction, the common template table is provided separately in a machine-readable file as a normative component of this International Standard. The file name for this language version is different from the normative reference name specified in clause 6.5 of this International Standard due to the existence of file versions commented in other natural languages. The file for this language version can also be retrieved on the ITTF web site at the following URL:

[ISO14651_2005_TABLE1_en.txt](#) [final URL to be provided by ITTF at publication stage]

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NOTE 1 This amendment deprecates, but does not preclude specific reference to, the previous tables, which contained and still contains respectively ordering information and. The previous tables can be found at the following URLs:

[ordering information on the repertoire of characters as defined in ISO/IEC 10646-1:1993 including Amendments 1-9]
http://www.iso.org/ittf/ISO14651_2000_TABLE1.htm

[ordering information on the combined repertoire of characters of ISO/IEC 10646-1:2000 and ISO/IEC 10646-2:2001]
http://www.iso.org/ittf/ISO14651_2002_TABLE1_en.txt

[ordering information on the repertoire of characters as defined in ISO/IEC 10646:2003]
http://www.iso.org/ittf/ISO14651_2003_TABLE1_en.txt

The current Common Template Table reflects the repertoire of characters as defined in ISO/IEC 10646:2003 including its amendment 1.

NOTE 2 The repertoire targeted by this amendment 3 to ISO/IEC 14651:2001 is equivalent to the repertoire of *The Unicode Standard Version 4.1, published by The Unicode Consortium*.

When ordering data applicable to other amendments of ISO/IEC 10646:2003 becomes available, this International Standard and specifically its Common Template Table will be amended accordingly to cover the ordering of the additional characters and scripts. To meet cultural requirements of specific communities, delta declarations will have to be applied to the amended table as defined in this International Standard.

ISO_14651_2005_TABLE1 is the name that is used for referring to this table in this version of this International Standard.

Include the following new section at the end of annex B:

B.5. Example 5 – A tailoring for Khmer

The Khmer script is mainly used in Cambodia. The tailoring given below is not included in the CTT (see annex A) itself in order to keep the CTT simple, especially for rare letterforms. E.g. the Khmer ROBAT for which the tailoring below may not be desirable for efficiency reasons, since this letter occurs very rarely, but the tailoring for handling it correctly may affect the efficiency of collation also for texts that do not contain any ROBAT.

```
reorder-after <MAX>
```

```
% Khmer:
```

```
collating-symbol <S1794_S17C9> % KHMER LETTER BA, KHMER SIGN MUUSIKATOAN
collating-symbol <S1794_S17CA> % KHMER LETTER BA, KHMER SIGN TRIISAP
collating-symbol <S17BB_S17C6> % KHMER VOWEL SIGN U, KHMER SIGN NIKAHIT
collating-symbol <S17B6_S17C6> % KHMER VOWEL SIGN AA, KHMER SIGN NIKAHIT
collating-symbol <C1780>..<C179C>
```

```
% Declaration of Khmer contractions
```

```
collating-element <U1794_17C9> from "<U1794><U17C9>" % KHMER LETTER BA, KHMER SIGN MUUSIKATOAN
```

```
collating-element <U1794_17CA> from "<U1794><U17CA>" % KHMER LETTER BA, KHMER SIGN TRIISAP
```

```
collating-element <SW_17CC_1780>..<SW_17CC_17A2> from "<U1780>..<U17A2><U17CC>"
```

```
% KHMER LETTER KA, KHMER SIGN ROBAT..KHMER LETTER QA, KHMER SIGN ROBAT
```

```
collating-element <SW_17CC_17A5>..<SW_17CC_17B3> from "<U17A5>..<U17B3><U17CC>"
```

```
% KHMER INDEPENDENT VOWEL QI, KHMER SIGN ROBAT..KHMER INDEPENDENT VOWEL QAU , KHMER SIGN ROBAT
```

```
collating-element <U17C6_17BB> from "<U17BB><U17C6>" % KHMER VOWEL SIGN U, KHMER SIGN NIKAHIT (OM properly spelled)
```

```
collating-element <U17BB_17C6> from "<U17C6><U17BB>" % KHMER SIGN NIKAHIT, KHMER VOWEL SIGN U (OM with the wrong sequence of the characters)
```

```
collating-element <U17C6_17B6> from "<U17B6><U17C6>" % KHMER VOWEL SIGN AA, KHMER SIGN NIKAHIT (AM properly spelled)
```

```
collating-element <U17B6_17C6> from "<U17C6><U17B6>" % KHMER SIGN NIKAHIT, KHMER VOWEL SIGN AA (AM with the wrong sequence of the characters)
```

```
collating-element <U17D2_1780>..<U17D2_179C> from "<U17D2><U1780>..<U179C>"
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Deleted: neighbouring countries, and the tailorings for them do not conflict in any way since they are three separate scripts. Therefore these three scripts should be covered by a single tailoring rather than one tailoring per script.

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Deleted: Secondly, the "swapping" for Thai and Lao "pre-vowels" is done by other means in the parallel standard UAX 10. But the base collation weighting table for UAX 10, the DUCET, is fundamentally (but not syntactically) basically the same as the CTT. Hence a Khmer/Thai/Lao tailoring of the DUCET would not include the swapping of "pre-vowels". For a description of Thai (and to some extent Lao) collation requirements, see annex C.2 below

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Deleted: collating-element
Deleted: <U0E5A_0E30> from
Deleted: "<U0E5A><U0E30>" % special end symbol
Deleted: .% Thai pre-vowels:
Deleted: collating-element
Deleted: <U0E40_0E01>..<U0E40_0E2E> from
Deleted: "<U0E40><U0E01>..<U0E2E>"%
Deleted: collating-element
Deleted: <U0E40_0E40_0E01>..<U0E40_0E40_0E2E> from
Deleted: "<U0E40><U0E40><U0E01>..<U0E2E>"%
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Deleted: <U0E41_0E01>..<U0E41_0E2E> from
Deleted: "<U0E41><U0E01>..<U0E2E>"%
Deleted: collating-element
Deleted: <U0E42_0E01>..<U0E42_0E2E> from
Deleted: "<U0E42><U0E01>..<U0E2E>"%
Deleted: collating-element
Deleted: <U0E43_0E01>..<U0E43_0E2E> from
Deleted: "<U0E43><U0E01>..<U0E2E>"%
Deleted: collating-element
Deleted: <U0E44_0E01>..<U0E44_0E2E> from
Deleted: "<U0E44><U0E01>..<U0E2E>"%
Deleted: collating-element
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Deleted: "<SOE4D><SOE32>" % AM (in the wrong order really)%
Deleted: % Lao:
Deleted: .% Lao pre-vowels:
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Deleted: <U0EC0_0E81>..<U0EC0_0EAE> from
Deleted: "<U0EC0><U0E81>..<U0EAE>"%
Deleted: collating-element
Deleted: <U0EC0_0EC0_0E81>..<U0EC0_0EC0_0EA> from
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```
% COENG, KHMER LETTER KA..COENG, KHMER LETTER QA  
collating-element <U17D2_17A5>..<U17D2_17B3> from "<U17D2><U17A5>..<U17B3>"  
% COENG, KHMER INDEPENDENT VOWEL QI..COENG, KHMER INDEPENDENT VOWEL QAU
```

```
reorder-after <S1794> % KHMER LETTER BA  
<S1794_17C9> % KHMER LETTER BA, KHMER SIGN MUUSIKATOAN  
<S1794_17CA> % KHMER LETTER BA, KHMER SIGN TRIISAP
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reorder-after <S17C5> KHMER VOWEL SIGN AU
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NIGGAHITA¶
<S0EB3> % LAO VOWEL SIGN AM¶

```
reorder-after <S17C6> KHMER SIGN NIKAHIT  
<S17B6_17C6> % KHMER VOWEL SIGN AA, KHMER SIGN NIKAHIT
```

```
reorder-after <S17D2>  
<C1780>..<C1794> % COENG, KHMER LETTER KA..COENG, KHMER LETTER BA  
<C1795>..<C179A> % COENG, KHMER LETTER PHA..COENG, KHMER LETTER RO  
<C17AB> % COENG, KHMER INDEPENDENT VOWEL RY  
<C17AC> % COENG, KHMER INDEPENDENT VOWEL RYY  
<C179B> % COENG, KHMER LETTER LO  
<C17AD> % COENG, KHMER INDEPENDENT VOWEL LY  
<C17AE> % COENG, KHMER INDEPENDENT VOWEL LYY  
<C179C>..<C17A2> % COENG, KHMER LETTER VO..COENG, KHMER LETTER QA
```

```
reorder-after <SFFFF>  
order_start forward;forward;forward;forward
```

```
▼-----  
<U1794_17C9> <S1794_17C9>;<BASE>;<MIN>;<U1794_17C9> % KHMER LETTER BA, KHMER SIGN  
MUUSIKATOAN
```

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IGNORE;IGNORE;IGNORE;<U0E5A_0E30> %
THAI CHARACTER ANGKHANKHU, THAI
CHARACTER SARA A¶

<U1794_17CA> <S1794_17CA>;<BASE>;<MIN>;<U1794_17CA> % KHMER LETTER BA, KHMER SIGN TRIISAP

%% The ROBAT contractions should be used only in an "advanced" tailoring for
 %% Khmer, since ROBAT is rather rarely used, and these contractions
 %% may impact on the efficiency of the key computation even if ROBAT does not
 %% occur, since these contractions begin with commonly used letters.

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<SW_17CC_1780>..<SW_17CC_17A2> <S179A><S17D2><S1780>..<S17A2>" ;
 "<BASE><VRNT1><BASE><BASE>" ; "<MIN><MIN><MIN><MIN>" ;
 <SW_17CC_1780>..<SW_17CC_17A2>

% KHMER LETTER KA, KHMER SIGN ROBAT..KHMER LETTER QA, KHMER SIGN ROBAT

<SW_17CC_17A5>..<SW_17CC_17A6> <S179A><S17D2><S17A2><S17B7>..<S17B8>" ;
 "<BASE><VRNT1><BASE><BASE><VRNT1><BASE>" ; "<MIN><MIN><MIN><MIN><MIN>" ;
 <SW_17CC_17A5>..<SW_17CC_17A6> % KHMER INDEPENDENT VOWEL QI, KHMER SIGN ROBAT..KHMER INDEPENDENT VOWEL QII, KHMER SIGN ROBAT

<SW_17CC_17A7>
 "<S179A><S17D2><S17A2><S17BB>" ; "<BASE><VRNT1><BASE><BASE><VRNT1><BASE>" ;
 "<MIN><MIN><MIN><MIN><MIN>" ;<SW_17CC_17A7>

% KHMER INDEPENDENT VOWEL QU, KHMER SIGN ROBAT

<SW_17CC_17A8>
 "<S179A><S17D2><S17A2><S17BB>" ; "<BASE><VRNT1><BASE><BASE><VRNT2><BASE>" ;
 "<MIN><MIN><MIN><MIN><MIN>" ;<SW_17CC_17A8>

% KHMER INDEPENDENT VOWEL QUK; KHMER SIGN ROBAT

<SW_17CC_17A9>
 "<S179A><S17D2><S17A2><S17BC>" ; "<BASE><VRNT1><BASE><BASE><VRNT1><BASE>" ;
 "<MIN><MIN><MIN><MIN><MIN>" ;<SW_17CC_17A9>

% KHMER INDEPENDENT VOWEL QUU; KHMER SIGN ROBAT

<SW_17CC_17AA>
 "<S179A><S17D2><S17A2><S17BC>" ; "<BASE><VRNT1><BASE><BASE><VRNT2><BASE>" ;
 "<MIN><MIN><MIN><MIN><MIN>" ;<SW_17CC_17AA>

% KHMER INDEPENDENT VOWEL QUVU; KHMER SIGN ROBAT

<SW_17CC_17AF>..<SW_17CC_17B1> <S179A><S17D2><S17A2><S17C2>..<S17C4>" ;
 "<BASE><VRNT1><BASE><BASE><VRNT1><BASE>" ; "<MIN><MIN><MIN><MIN><MIN>" ;
 <SW_17CC_17AF>..<SW_17CC_17B1> % KHMER INDEPENDENT VOWEL QE, KHMER SIGN ROBAT..KHMER INDEPENDENT VOWEL QOO TYPE ONE, KHMER SIGN ROBAT

<SW_17CC_17B2>
 "<S179A><S17D2><S17A2><S17C4>" ; "<BASE><VRNT1><BASE><BASE><VRNT2><BASE>" ;
 "<MIN><MIN><MIN><MIN><MIN>" ;<SW_17CC_17B2>

% KHMER INDEPENDENT VOWEL QOO TYPE TWO; KHMER SIGN ROBAT

```
<SW_17CC_17B3>
"<S179A><S17D2><S17A2><S17C5>" ; "<BASE><VRNT1><BASE><VRNT1><BASE>" ;
"<MIN><MIN><MIN><MIN><MIN>" ; <SW_17CC_17B3>
```

% KHMER INDEPENDENT VOWEL QAU; KHMER SIGN ROBAT

%%% Khmer OM and AAM (the NIKAHIT should be written after the vowel):

```
<U17BB_17C6> <S17BB_17C6>;<BASE>;<MIN>;<U17BB_17C6> % KHMER VOWEL SIGN U, KHMER
SIGN NIKAHIT
```

```
<U17C6_17BB> <S17BB_17C6>;<BASE>;<MIN>;<U17C6_17BB> % KHMER SIGN NIKAHIT, KHMER
VOWEL SIGN U
```

```
<U17B6_17C6> <S17B6_17C6>;<BASE>;<MIN>;<U17B6_17C6> % KHMER VOWEL SIGN AA, KHMER
SIGN NIKAHIT
```

```
<U17C6_17B6> <S17B6_17C6>;<BASE>;<MIN>;<U17C6_17B6> % KHMER SIGN NIKAHIT, KHMER
VOWEL SIGN AA
```

reorder-end

Deleted: %% Thai pre-vowel/consonant swaps (note that SARA AE is ordered as <SARA E, SARA E>):¶
<U0E40_0E01>..<U0E40_0E2E>
"<S0E01>..<S0E2E><S0E40>" ; "<BASE><B
ASE>" ; "<MIN><MIN>" ;
<U0E40_0E01>..<U0E40_0E2E> % E, KO
KAI..E, HO NOHUK¶
<U0E40_0E40_0E01>..<U0E40_0E40_0E2E
>
"<S0E01>..<S0E2E><S0E40><S0E40>" ; "<
BASE><BASE><BASE>" ;
"<MIN><MIN><MIN>" ; <U0E40_0E40_0E01>
..<U0E40_0E40_0E2E> % E, E, KO KAI..
E, E, HO NOHUK¶
<U0E41_0E01>..<U0E41_0E2E>
"<S0E01>..<S0E2E><S0E40><S0E40>" ; "<
BASE><BASE><BASE>" ;
"<MIN><MIN><MIN>" ; <U0E41_0E01>..<U
E41_0E2E> % AE, KO KAI..AE, HO
NOHUK¶
<U0E42_0E01>..<U0E42_0E2E>
"<S0E01>..<S0E2E><S0E42>" ; "<BASE><B
ASE>" ; "<MIN><MIN>" ;
<U0E42_0E01>..<U0E42_0E2E> % O, KO
KAI..O, HO NOHUK¶
<U0E43_0E01>..<U0E43_0E2E>
"<S0E01>..<S0E2E><S0E43>" ; "<BASE><B
ASE>" ; "<MIN><MIN>" ;
<U0E43_0E01>..<U0E43_0E2E> % AI
MAIMUAN, KO KAI..AI MAIMUAN, HO
NOHUK¶
<U0E44_0E01>..<U0E44_0E2E>
"<S0E01>..<S0E2E><S0E44>" ; "<BASE><B
ASE>" ; "<MIN><MIN>" ;
<U0E44_0E01>..<U0E44_0E2E> % AI
MAIMALAI, KO KAI..AI MAIMALAI, HO
NOHUK¶
%%% Lao pre-vowel/consonant swap
(note that VOWEL EI is ordered as
<VOWEL E, VOWEL E>):¶
%%% (The code point ranges contain
some code points which are not
assigned to any character.¶
%%% However, the (level 1) weights
should be declared and
appropriately weighted.)¶
<U0EC0_0E81>..<U0EC0_0EAE>
"<S0E81>..<SOBAE><S0EC0>" ; "<BASE><B
ASE>" ; "<MIN><MIN>" ;
<U0EC0_0E81>..<U0EC0_0EAE> % E,
KO..E, HO TAM¶

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<U0E4D_0E32>
"<S0E32><S0E4D>" ; "<BASE><BASE>" ; "<M
IN><MIN>" ; <U0E4D_0E32> ¶
% THAI CHARACTER NIKHAHIT, THAI
CHARACTER SARA AA¶

Deleted: %% Lao VOWEL AM is ordered as <VOWEL AA, NIGGAHITA>, but can be written the other way around:¶
<U0EB3>
"<S0EB3>" ; "<BASE>" ; "<COMPAT>" ; <U0EB
3> % LAO VOWEL SIGN AM ¶
<U0EB2_0ECD>
"<S0EB3>" ; "<BASE>" ; "<MIN>" ; <U0EB2_0
ECD> % LAO VOWEL SIGN AA, LAO
NIGGAHITA¶
<U0ECD_0EB2>
"<S0EB3>" ; "<BASE>" ; "<MIN>" ; <U0ECD_0
EB2> % LAO NIGGAHITA, LAO VOWEL
SIGN AA¶

Page 25, Annex C

Replace section C.2 with the following:

C.2. Thai string ordering

This annex explains some of the principles behind the tailoring of the CTT given in annex B.5 above, as well as the CTT ordering for Thai (and to some extent Lao).

C.2.1. Thai ordering principles

The widely accepted standard for Thai lexicographical ordering is defined in the Royal Institute Dictionary [2542 B.E. Edition \(1999 A.D.\)](#), the official standard Thai dictionary. The ordering principles are:

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- Words are ordered alphabetically, not phonetically. Consonants order is:

ก ຂ ງ ຄ ຕ ໝ ລ ຈ ຊ ຊ ຊ ດ ປ ພ ນ ພ ປ ຕ ດ ທ
ນ ນ ບ ປ ຜ ພ ພ ກ ມ ຍ ລ ລ ກ ວ ສ ຂ ສ ອ ພ ອ

- Vowels, and nikhahit, are also ordered by written forms, not by sounds. Vowels and nikhahit order is:

ອ ໂ ໃ ໄ ໅ ໆ ໇ ່ ້ ໊ ໋ ໌ ໅ ໆ ໇ ່ ້ ໊ ໋

ອ ໂ ໃ are always ordered as consonants, although they sometimes act as vowels.

ັ is a long-legged variant of ໂ, used with the long-legged consonants ໄ and ໆ : ໄ ໂ and ໆ ໂ.

່ is logically an ໂ followed by a ແ. However, the Unicode compatibility decomposition of the precomposed character is to a ແ followed by an ໂ, so this misspelling must be handled as well.

- No syllable structure or word boundary analysis is required, as Thai lexicons are ordered alphabetically, not phonetically. Note that Thai normally does not use any word separator, except, and exceptionally, zero width space.
- String comparison is performed from left to right, but considering initial consonants before vowels in the same syllable. Leading vowels (ເ ໂ ໃ ໅ ໆ ໇ ່, corresponding to characters U+0E40-U+0E44), which are written before the consonant, must be considered after the consonant. Therefore, rearrangement (in some way) is needed before comparison.
- Tones and diacritics are ignored at level 1. At level 2 their order is:

ົ ເ ແ ່ ້ ໊ ໋

- Since Thai, Lao, and Khmer are uncased, it may seem that the third level is not needed for Thai, Lao, and Khmer string ordering. However, the third level is used to differentiate LAKKHANGYAO (່) as a variant of SARA AA (ໂ), since similar variants in other scripts are differentiated in a like manner at level 3, as well as for other variation cases in Thai, Lao, and Khmer.

- When Thai punctuation marks (ໝ ໂ ໄ ດ ຊ) are concerned, another level of weights is required for them. This corresponds to the fourth level in the Common Template Table. In string ordering, punctuation marks are less significant than any tone marks and diacritics, and must be ignored in all the first three levels. Note that PAIYANNOI (໌) and THAI CHARACTER MAIYAMOK (repeat mark ດ) are regarded and ordered as punctuation marks, not letters, despite their Unicode general category as “Lo” and “Lm” respectively. For example, “ໜ້າງໆ, ໜ້າງກບ, ໜ້າງໆ ອູ້, ໜ້າງຈັນ” is a valid order in the Royal Institute Dictionary. In the first level, the considered weights correspond to ໜ້າງ, ໜ້າງກບ, ໜ້າງໆ, and ໜ້າງຈັນ respectively.
- The ten Thai decimal digits (໠ ແ ໂ ໃ ໄ ໅ ່ ້ ໊), each semantically equivalent to Arabic digit 0-9, respectively. Their weights are then equal to their corresponding Arabic digit in the first level, and are different in the second level, to distinguish script.

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C.2.2. Vowel/consonant rearrangement

Regarding the handling of pre-vowels, either a collation preparation or collating-element grouping (as in the tailoring in annex B.5 above) is required. The collation preparation scans the string once and swaps every leading Thai vowel with its succeeding character (ideally only if the succeeding character is a Thai consonant). The prepared string is then passed to the normal weight calculation process. Another way to manage this is by means of collating-element formation – the approach taken both by the CTT of this standard and by the collation weighting table of the Unicode Collation Algorithm (UTS #10). Every possible pair of leading vowel and consonant is defined as a collating-element, whose weight equals to that of the rearranged substring. In addition, since two l in sequence look just like a

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ໍໍ, two l in sequence should be handled just like a ໍໍ.

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Note that the rearrangement of each leading vowel is simply performed with its immediate succeeding consonant. No consonant cluster analysis is needed. Indeed, doing so would result in ambiguities or yield a different order than that specified in the Royal Institute Dictionary. For example:

- Ambiguities: The problem with ambiguity is illustrated by the word “ເພລາ”. It has two potential pronunciations: either as a two-syllable word, “phe-la” (meaning “time”), or as a one-syllable word, “phlao” (meaning “axle” or “abate”). A rearrangement algorithm which follows the distinct pronunciation of the potential cluster ‘ພລ’ in this string would result in distinct keys, “ພລ່າ” and “ພລາ່”, and therefore different weights, which are equally legal. Both words need to have the same weight to be sortable, however.
- Non-conforming ordering: To illustrate the difference in ordering caused by the treatment of consonant clusters, consider these words, shown in conforming order: “ເພລ, ເພລົງ, ເພມ”. The correct rearrangement ignores any clusters and results in the following: “ພເລ, ພເລົງ, ພເມ”, which sorts in the order shown. If, however, pairs of consonants that form legal clusters were grouped as single collation elements (regardless of actual pronunciation where the potential pronunciation is ambiguous), then the results of rearrangement would be “<ພລ>ໄ, <ພລ>ເງ, ພເມ”, which would yield the (non-conforming) ordering “ເພມ, ເພລ, ເພລົງ”. Again, if actual clusters were grouped as single collation elements (with some disambiguation effort), then the results of rearrangement would be “ພເລ, <ພລ>ເງ, ພເມ”, which would yield the (non-conforming) ordering “ເພລ, ເພມ, ເພລົງ”.

C.2.3. Example ordered strings

Here is an ordering example: Example for Thai (sorted order)			
ก ก	ໂ ก ນ	ແບ່ງຂັນ	ຜັດ
ກ ຮ ຮ ມ	ໂກຣິນ	ແ ແ ນ	ໜ ພ ປ ລ
ກຣມ	ໄກລີ	ຄ ຮ ຮ ກ -	ພຜື້ນຍ
-ກຣະແຢິງ	ໄກຕ	ຄຣກ	ຢອງ
ກ ຮ ອ ບ	ໄ ກ ລ	ຈມພລ	ຮ ອ ຂ
ກະເກສາທິ	ຂັນ	ຈພລ	ຖກີ້
ກັກ	ຂ ນ ຂ ບ	ຈ ທ ຍ	ຖີ່
ກ້າວ	ຂ້າງ	ແມ່າ	ຖາສີ
ກໍາ	ຂ້າງໆ	ເ ຕ ຮ	ລລິຕາ
ກິນ	ຂ້າງກຣະດານ	ຕ ລ ອ ດ	ກ ຖ ຂ ທ
ກີ	ຂ້າງຫື້ນ	ຖຸລເກລ້າ	ວ ກ
ກິ່ນ	ຂ້າງຄວາຍ	ຖຸລເກລ້າໆ	ສ ອ
ກຸນ	ຂ້າງໆ ຄູາ	ຖຸລເກລ້າຖຸລກຣະໝ່ອມ	හຣິກຸນຍ້ຍ
ກຸດ	ຂ້າງເຈີນ	ນ້າ	ຫຸທິຍ
ເກັ້ງ	ຂ້າງອອກ	ນ້າ	ຫ ລ ຂ
ເກລ້າ	ເ ຊ ນ	ນີ້	ແກ່ງ
ເກລື້ອງ	ເບື່ນ	ບຸນຫລງ	ແກ່ງ
ເກ້າ	ເບື່ນ	ບຸນ-ຫ ລ ຂ	ແ ນ ນ
ເ ກ ທ ຂ	ເບື້ດ	ປ ຏ	ແ ນ ມ ວ ກ
ເກື່ອງ	ແບິງ	ປໍາ	ແ ນ
ເກື້ອະ	ແບິ່ງ	ປໍາ	ແ ນ
ເກື້ອກ	ແບັງ	ປໍາ	ອ ອ ນ
ແ ກ ກ	ແບັງຂວາ	ປໍາ	ສ ທ
ແ ກ ຂ	ແບິ່ງຂັນ	ປ ຍ ນ	

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% Thai:

```
collating-element <U0E5A_0E30> from "<U0E5A><U0E30>" % special end symbol
```

% Thai pre-vowels:

```
collating-element <U0E40_0E01>..<U0E40_0E2E> from "<U0E40><U0E01>..<U0E2E>"
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```
collating-element <U0E40_0E40_0E01>..<U0E40_0E40_0E2E> from "<U0E40><U0E40><U0E01>..<U0E2E>"
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collating-element <U0E41_0E01>..<U0E41_0E2E> from "<U0E41><U0E01>..<U0E2E>"
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collating-element <U0E42_0E01>..<U0E42_0E2E> from "<U0E42><U0E01>..<U0E2E>"
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collating-element <U0E43_0E01>..<U0E43_0E2E> from "<U0E43><U0E01>..<U0E2E>"
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collating-element <U0E44_0E01>..<U0E44_0E2E> from "<U0E44><U0E01>..<U0E2E>"
```

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collating-element <U0E4D_0E32> from "<S0E4D><S0E32>" % AM (in the wrong order really)
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% Lao:

% Lao pre-vowels:

```
collating-element <U0EC0_0E81>..<U0EC0_0EAE> from "<U0EC0><U0E81>..<U0EAE>"
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```
collating-element <U0EC0_0EC0_0E81>..<U0EC0_0EC0_0EAE> from "<U0EC0><U0EC0><U0E81>..<U0EAE>"
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collating-element <U0EC1_0E81>..<U0EC1_0EAE> from "<U0EC1><U0E81>..<U0EAE>"
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collating-element <U0EC2_0E81>..<U0EC2_0EAE> from "<U0EC2><U0E81>..<U0EAE>"
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collating-element <U0EC3_0E81>..<U0EC3_0EAE> from "<U0EC3><U0E81>..<U0EAE>"
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collating-element <U0EC4_0E81>..<U0EC4_0EAE> from "<U0EC4><U0E81>..<U0EAE>"
```

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% LAO HO NO

collating-element <U0EC0_0EDC> from "<U0EC0><U0EDC>"

collating-element <U0EC0_0EC0_0EDC> from "<U0EC0><U0EC0><U0EDC>"

collating-element <U0EC1_0EDC> from "<U0EC1><U0EDC>"

collating-element <U0EC2_0EDC> from "<U0EC2><U0EDC>"

collating-element <U0EC3_0EDC> from "<U0EC3><U0EDC>"

collating-element <U0EC4_0EDC> from "<U0EC4><U0EDC>"

% LAO HO MO

collating-element <U0EC0_0EDD> from "<U0EC0><U0EDD>"

collating-element <U0EC0_0EC0_0EDD> from "<U0EC0><U0EC0><U0EDD>"

collating-element <U0EC1_0EDD> from "<U0EC1><U0EDD>"

collating-element <U0EC2_0EDD> from "<U0EC2><U0EDD>"

collating-element <U0EC3_0EDD> from "<U0EC3><U0EDD>"

collating-element <U0EC4_0EDD> from "<U0EC4><U0EDD>"

% U+0EAB LAO LETTER HO SUNG, U+200D ZERO WIDTH JOINER, U+0EA5 LAO
LETTER LO LOOT

collating-element <U0EC0_0EAB_200D_0EA5> from
"<U0EC0><U0EAB><U200D><U0EA5>"

collating-element <U0EC0_0EC0_0EAB_200D_0EA5> from
"<U0EC0><U0EC0><U0EAB><U200D><U0EA5>"

collating-element <U0EC1_0EAB_200D_0EA5> from
"<U0EC1><U0EAB><U200D><U0EA5>"

collating-element <U0EC2_0EAB_200D_0EA5> from
"<U0EC2><U0EAB><U200D><U0EA5>"

collating-element <U0EC3_0EAB_200D_0EA5> from
"<U0EC3><U0EAB><U200D><U0EA5>"

collating-element <U0EC4_0EAB_200D_0EA5> from
"<U0EC4><U0EAB><U200D><U0EA5>"

collating-element <U0ECD_0EB2> from "<S0ECD><S0EB2>" % AM (in the wrong
order really)

collating-element <U0EB2_0ECD> from "<S0EB2><S0ECD>" % AM (properly
spelled)

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%%% Thai pre-vowel/consonant swaps (note that SARA AE is ordered as <SARA E, SARA E>):

```
<U0E40_0E01>..<U0E40_0E2E>
"<S0E01>..<S0E2E><S0E40>" ; "<BASE><BASE>" ; "<MIN><MIN>" ;
<U0E40_0E01>..<U0E40_0E2E> % E, KO KAI..E, HO NOHUK

<U0E40_0E40_0E01>..<U0E40_0E40_0E2E>
"<S0E01>..<S0E2E><S0E40><S0E40>" ; "<BASE><BASE><BASE>" ;
"<MIN><MIN><MIN>" ; <U0E40_0E40_0E01>..<U0E40_0E40_0E2E> % E, E, KO KAI..
E, E, HO NOHUK

<U0E41_0E01>..<U0E41_0E2E>
"<S0E01>..<S0E2E><S0E40><S0E40>" ; "<BASE><BASE><BASE>" ;
"<MIN><MIN><MIN>" ; <U0E41_0E01>..<U0E41_0E2E> % AE, KO KAI..AE, HO NOHUK

<U0E42_0E01>..<U0E42_0E2E>
"<S0E01>..<S0E2E><S0E42>" ; "<BASE><BASE>" ; "<MIN><MIN>" ;
<U0E42_0E01>..<U0E42_0E2E> % O, KO KAI..O, HO NOHUK

<U0E43_0E01>..<U0E43_0E2E>
"<S0E01>..<S0E2E><S0E43>" ; "<BASE><BASE>" ; "<MIN><MIN>" ;
<U0E43_0E01>..<U0E43_0E2E> % AI MAIMUAN, KO KAI..AI MAIMUAN, HO NOHUK

<U0E44_0E01>..<U0E44_0E2E>
"<S0E01>..<S0E2E><S0E44>" ; "<BASE><BASE>" ; "<MIN><MIN>" ;
<U0E44_0E01>..<U0E44_0E2E> % AI MAIMALAI, KO KAI..AI MAIMALAI, HO NOHUK
```

%%% Lao pre-vowel/consonant swap (note that VOWEL EI is ordered as <VOWEL E, VOWEL E>):

%%% (The code point ranges contain some code points which are not assigned to any character.

%%% However, the (level 1) weights should be declared and appropriately weighted.)

```
<U0EC0_0E81>..<U0EC0_0EAE>
"<S0E81>..<S0EAE><S0EC0>" ; "<BASE><BASE>" ; "<MIN><MIN>" ;
<U0EC0_0E81>..<U0EC0_0EAE> % E, KO..E, HO TAM

<U0EC0_0EC0_0E81>..<U0EC0_0EC0_0EAE>
"<S0E81>..<S0EAE><S0EC0><S0EC0>" ; "<BASE><BASE><BASE>" ;
"<MIN><MIN><MIN>" ; <U0EC0_0EC0_0E81>..<U0EC0_0EC0_0EAE> % E, E, KO..E, E,
HO TAM

<U0EC1_0E81>..<U0EC1_0EAE>
"<S0E81>..<S0EAE><S0EC0><S0EC0>" ; "<BASE><BASE><BASE>" ;
"<MIN><MIN><MIN>" ; <U0EC1_0E81>..<U0EC1_0EAE> % EI, KO, EI, HO TAM
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<U0EC2_0E81>..<U0EC2_0EAE>
"<S0E81>..<S0EAE><S0EC2>" ; "<BASE><BASE>" ; "<MIN><MIN>" ;
<U0EC2_0E81>..<U0EC2_0EAE> % O, KO..O, HO TAM

<U0EC3_0E81>..<U0EC3_0EAE>
"<S0E81>..<S0EAE><S0EC3>" ; "<BASE><BASE>" ; "<MIN><MIN>" ;
<U0EC3_0E81>..<U0EC3_0EAE> % AY, KO..AY, HO TAM

<U0EC4_0E81>..<U0EC4_0EAE>
"<S0E81>..<S0EAE><S0EC4>" ; "<BASE><BASE>" ; "<MIN><MIN>" ;
<U0EC4_0E81>..<U0EC4_0EAE> % AI, KO..AI, HO TAM

<U0EC0_0EDC>
"<S0EAB><S0E99><S0EC0>" ; "<BASE><BASE><BASE>" ; "<COMPAT><COMPAT><COMPAT>" ;

<U0EC0_0EDC> % E, HO NO

<U0EC0_0EC0_0EDC>
"<S0EAB><S0E99><S0EC0><S0EC0>" ; "<BASE><BASE><BASE><BASE>" ;
"<COMPAT><COMPAT><COMPAT><COMPAT>" ; <U0EC0_0EC0_0EDC> % E, E, HO NO

<U0EC1_0EDC> "<S0EAB><S0E99><S0EC0><S0EC0>" ; "<BASE><BASE><BASE><BASE>" ;
"<COMPAT><COMPAT><COMPAT><COMPAT>" ; <U0EC1_0EDC> % EI, HO NO

<U0EC2_0EDC>
"<S0EAB><S0E99><S0EC2>" ; "<BASE><BASE><BASE>" ; "<COMPAT><COMPAT><COMPAT>" ;

<U0EC2_0EDC> % O, HO NO

<U0EC3_0EDC>
"<S0EAB><S0E99><S0EC3>" ; "<BASE><BASE><BASE>" ; "<COMPAT><COMPAT><COMPAT>" ;

<U0EC3_0EDC> % AY, HO NO

<U0EC4_0EDC>
"<S0EAB><S0E99><S0EC4>" ; "<BASE><BASE><BASE>" ; "<COMPAT><COMPAT><COMPAT>" ;

<U0EC3_0EDC> % AI, HO NO

<U0EC0_0EDD>
"<S0EAB><S0EA1><S0EC0>" ; "<BASE><BASE><BASE>" ; "<COMPAT><COMPAT><COMPAT>" ;

<U0EC0_0EDD> % E, HO MO

<U0EC0_0EC0_0EDD>
"<S0EAB><S0EA1><S0EC0><S0EC0>" ; "<BASE><BASE><BASE><BASE>" ;
"<COMPAT><COMPAT><MIN><MIN>" ; <U0EC0_0EC0_0EDD> % E, E, HO MO

<U0EC1_0EDD> "<S0EAB><S0EA1><S0EC0><S0EC0>" ; "<BASE><BASE><BASE><BASE>" ;
"<COMPAT><COMPAT><COMPAT><COMPAT>" ; <U0EC1_0EDD> % EI, HO MO

<U0EC2_0EDD>
"<S0EAB><S0EA1><S0EC2>" ; "<BASE><BASE><BASE>" ; "<COMPAT><COMPAT><COMPAT>" ;

```

<U0EC2_0EDD> % O, HO MO

<U0EC3_0EDD>
" <S0EAB><S0EA1><S0EC3>" ; "<BASE><BASE><BASE>" ; "<COMPAT><COMPAT><COMPAT>" ;

<U0EC3_0EDD> % AY, HO MO

<U0EC4_0EDD>
" <S0EAB><S0EA1><S0EC4>" ; "<BASE><BASE><BASE>" ; "<COMPAT><COMPAT><COMPAT>" ;

<U0EC4_0EDD> % AI, HO MO

%% HO LO is a ligature which does not have its own code point, so ZWJ is used.

<U0EC0_0EAB_200D_0EA5>
" <S0EAB><S0EA5><S0EC0>" ; "<BASE><BASE><BASE>" ; "<MIN><MIN><MIN>" ;
<U0EC0_0EAB_200D_0EA5> % E, HO LO,

<U0EC0_0EC0_0EAB_200D_0EA5>
" <S0EAB><S0EA5><S0EC0><S0EC0>" ; "<BASE><BASE><BASE><BASE>" ;
" <MIN><MIN><MIN><MIN>" ; <U0EC0_0EC0_0EAB_200D_0EA5> % E, E, HO LO

<U0EC1_0EAB_200D_0EA5>
" <S0EAB><S0EA5><S0EC0><S0EC0>" ; "<BASE><BASE><BASE><BASE>" ;
" <MIN><MIN><COMPAT><COMPAT>" ; <U0EC1_0EAB_200D_0EA5> % EI, HO LO

<U0EC2_0EAB_200D_0EA5>
" <S0EAB><S0EA5><S0EC2>" ; "<BASE><BASE><BASE>" ; "<MIN><MIN><MIN>" ;
<U0EC2_0EAB_200D_0EA5> % O, HO LO

<U0EC3_0EAB_200D_0EA5>
" <S0EAB><S0EA5><S0EC3>" ; "<BASE><BASE><BASE>" ; "<MIN><MIN><MIN>" ;
<U0EC3_0EAB_200D_0EA5> % AY, HO LO

<U0EC4_0EAB_200D_0EA5>
" <S0EAB><S0EA5><S0EC4>" ; "<BASE><BASE><BASE>" ; "<MIN><MIN><MIN>" ;
<U0EC4_0EAB_200D_0EA5> % AI, HO LO