

**Re:** ESC Report for 2020Q3 UTC  
**From:** Jennifer Daniel on behalf of the ESC  
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Specific recommendations requiring action from the UTC are linked in separate documents below.

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### 1. Recommendations for ZWJ Sequences for Unicode 13.1 (2020) 🧑

The current set of Draft Emoji Candidates that are targeted for Unicode 13.1 ([L2/20-133](#)) are listed. These [emoji](#) and [data files](#) are on schedule and on track to be distributed this Fall. There will need to be a minimal update of UTS #51 that should touch only the version field (and date) in the header, Section 1.5.2 Versioning, and the data file links in the References section.

### 2. Update on 14.0 (2021)

The Emoji Subcommittee (ESC) recommends two additional [provisional candidates](#) for Unicode 14.0 in support of established long term priorities with regard to bringing more equity to the emoji keyboard:

Ongoing Gender and Skintone Support ([L2/20-196](#))

- Person and Man with Swollen Belly ([L2/20-190](#))
- Person Wearing Crown ([L2/10-189](#))

### 3. Progress on Stated Goals ([L2/20-132](#))

Converging on designs early

- Over the past year, our intake process included more scrutiny on proposal designs. As 13.0 rolls out we're starting to see these results pay off with less fragmentation.
- For 14.0, the Unicode charts will be slightly modified in design — displaying images from the ESC first as they will be a true north star for vendors to design towards.

Identifying globally relevant emoji

- Category managers are researching areas the ESC is interested in investigating more. Expect an update on a number of sub-categories including hands, symbols, and activities in the 2020 Q4 meeting.

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#### 4. Emoji 15.0

##### **Pause on Intake**

As previously announced, due to COVID-19, the Unicode Consortium has postponed the release of version 14.0 and the Emoji Subcommittee will be temporarily closing intake for emoji proposals from September 2, 2020 to April 2, 2021. We will be using this time to tighten up internal processes and work towards 15.0 priorities.

##### **Priorities for Emoji 15.0 ([L2/20-197](#))**

This document aims to specify the current priorities of the ESC and in doing so, highlight the order and approximate timeframe in which the UTC may expect to see recommendations for new provisional candidates. This is not a proposal, and separate proposals would be required for any additions listed below.

#### 5. QID 🌐

The Emoji Subcommittee is very interested in following up on the QID approach and recommends deferring this discussion to the 2020 Q4 meeting. This will give us more time to produce a solid recommendation.