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Subject: Proposal to Encode the New Saudi Riyal Symbol
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Summary

This proposal requests the encoding of a new currency symbol for Saudi Arabia, following the recent change in the country's currency design. The proposed symbol represents the Saudi Riyal (SAR) and is intended for use in financial, commercial, and digital contexts.

Background and Justification

- The Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority (Saudi Central Bank) has introduced a new design for its currency, including a new symbol.
- The new symbol aims to modernize the representation of the Saudi Riyal and align it with global standards.
- The symbol is already in use domestically and is expected to be adopted internationally for financial transactions, pricing, and digital platforms.
- Encoding this symbol in Unicode is essential for consistent representation across operating systems, fonts, and software applications.

Proposed Character

- **Name:** SAUDI RIYAL SIGN
- **Representation:** The symbol is a stylized representation of the Saudi Riyal, consisting of a vertical line on the left, a horizontal line in the middle, and a vertical line on the right, with a small horizontal line extending from the bottom of the right vertical line.
- **Design Rationale:** The Saudi riyal symbol represents the national currency of Saudi Arabia and marks a strategic step toward strengthening the Kingdom's cultural and financial identity. It reinforces the Saudi riyal's presence regionally and internationally, highlighting the Kingdom's economic role as a bridge connecting global trade.
- **Code Point:** [To be assigned by Unicode]
- **Font Support:** The symbol should be supported in major fonts, including Arial, Times New Roman, and others.

Usage and Examples

- **Rules:**
 - Position: The symbol should be positioned to the left of the numeral.
 - Alignment: The height of the symbol should be aligned with the height of the text.
 - Geometry: The geometric structure of the symbol should be maintained.
 - Spacing: A space is required between the symbol and the numeral.
 - Direction: The direction of the symbol should match the direction of the text.
 - Integration: A clear space equal to one-third of the symbol's height is required around the shapes.
 - Proportions: The shape of the symbol should be maintained.
 - Contrast: Sufficient color contrast with the background is required.
- **Examples of Use:**
 - Prices in English: "100 
 - Prices in Arabic: " 100" (RTL)
 - Financial documents: "Total:  500"
- **Context:** The symbol will be used in banking services, Trading platforms, Economic reports and contracts, Invoices and receipts, Applications and e-commerce stores and Price tags on products

Technical Details

- **Character Properties:**

Property	Value
Script	Common
General Category	Sc (Symbol, Currency)
Bidirectional Class	ET (European Terminator)
Numeric Value	None
Case	None
Line Break	AL (Alphabetic)
Mirroring	N (No mirroring)

- **Compatibility:** The symbol should be compatible with existing currency symbols (e.g., \$, €, £) and should not conflict with other characters in Unicode.
- **Existing Symbol:** The current Saudi Riyal symbol is (ريال), U+FDFA) and its current usage.

References

- [Official announcements.](#)
- [Saudi Riyal Symbol Guidelines.](#)
- [Symbol in \(SVG\) Format.](#)
- [Symbol in \(PNG\) Format.](#)
- [Symbol in \(EPS\) Format.](#)