ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC2/WG2 **N 1061**

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TITLE: IRG comments to WG2 N 946

SOURCE: IRG

REFERENCES: WG2 N 964 "Proposed Principles and Procedures for Allocation of New Character and Scripts"
Conclusion V1 of IRG third meeting
Conclusion V2 of IRG third meeting

ACTION: Revise WG2 N 946 incorporating comments described in this document.

CIRCULATION: ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC2/WG2

IRG carefully reviewed WG2 document N964 that specifies categories of characters to be added into ISO/IEC 10646, submitter responsibility, and WG2's evaluation procedures, and had the following comments. IRG asks SC2/WG2 to consider the IRG comments and to revise WG2 N946 incorporation the comments.

1) Addition of new category for Name Ideographs

IRG believes that a new category should be introduced for "Name Ideographs."

Category H. Name Ideographs

Those ideographic characters which primarily serve as proper names.

IRG also believes that the new category should be treated with equal priority to category B "Specialized," since category B is already described in WG2 N946 as encompassing "personal name ideographs."

The rationale for introduction of the new category is as follows.

Rationale:
Currently, category B includes "personal name ideographs," but also specifies "Small Collection" in its title. IRG believes that the number of such ideographs is significantly larger than other uses of category B, and would thus overload this category. A new category better reflects the usage and utility of name ideographs and assists producing a better classification of their usage. The encoding of name ideographs is required for supporting resident information systems, passport control systems, etc.

2) Treatment of "Name Ideographs"

The text "and individual personal name ideographs" should be removed from the last sentence of the first paragraph of "Principles for Encoding New Characters into the Basic Multilingual Plane" in page 1.

Rationale:
This statement is inconsistent with category B's inclusion of personal name ideographs and the evaluation procedure, rule 4, on page 3. According to this rule, category B should be in the BMP, yet here it states that personal name ideographs should not be in the BMP.

3) Classification of "Yi" language script

"Yi" language script should be classified into category A instead of category F.

Action:
Move "Yi" from examples of category F in page 2 to examples of category A in the same page.

Rationale:
The "Yi" script is used contemporary and should not be in category F.

4) Classification of "Chu Nom" and "Archaic Han" scripts

"Chu Nom" and "Archaic Han" scripts should be classified into category B instead of category F.

Action:
Move "Chu Nom" and "Aechaic Han" from examples of category F in page 2 to examples of category B in the same page.

Rationale:
The "Chu Nom" and "Archaic Han" ideographis are actively used and printed in modern times by a limited community.