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Subject: A response to WG2 N3458 (2008.04.21) Kent Karlsson's proposal

1. We appreciate Kent Karlsson's interest and proposal regarding Hangul.
 - We had some difficulty understanding his proposal and rationale.
 - Finally we seem to have understood his idea.

2. In general, a Hangul consonantal letter can be used in one of three ways:
 - a) as a syllable-initial letter only;
 - b) as a syllable-final letter only;
 - c) as a syllable-initial letter and as a syllable-final letter.

3. The nine characters proposed by him seem to come from U31xx Hangul Compatibility Jamo block.
 - Those consonant characters in 31xx can be used in one of three ways mentioned in 2 above and we included letters in 11xx Hangul Jamo block "accordingly".

 - His proposal seems based on a misunderstanding of the properties of those nine characters. They are used only as syllable-final letters.

 - As we can see in 11xx block, all 9 letters are already included as syllable-final letters. However, since they are "not" used as syllable-initial letters, they are "not" included as syllable-initial letters "accordingly".

- We will give one example:
 - . He suggested a new "A97D", which is a syllable-initial letter corresponding to U3133 (KIYEOK-SIOS).
 - . However U3133 is used only as a syllable-final letter and already included as U11AA.

	110	111
0	ㄱ 1100	ㅋ 1110
1	ㄲ 1101	ㆁ 1111
2	ㄴ 1102	ㅇ 1112
3	ㄷ 1103	ㆁ 1113

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4. Our conclusion

- His proposal seem based on a misunderstanding of usage of those nine Hangul letters.

- Therefore, we suggest that we do not add those 9 letters to Hangul Jamo-Extended block.

- If our response is wrong or based on a wrong assumption, please let us know.

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