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D. Hekimi   February 12, 1991
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Dear Mr. Hekimi,

Thank you for your mail from January 29th containing the results of the discussion at the ECMA TC1 meeting. It has been forwarded to the members of the Unicode Technical Committee for consideration.

The majority of founding members of Unicode, Inc. are members of ANSI X3L2 and are working through ANSI as well as other standards bodies to have their concerns addressed. A primary concern for Unicode members is the availability of a 16-bit, world-wide character encoding. They are also concerned to be able to meet the needs of scholars and bibliographers.

Unicode version 1.0 is scheduled for completion, after incorporation of review comments, by the end of March, 1991. It is stated policy for Unicode, Inc. to invite review contributions by standards bodies and other organizations as well as by individual experts. We would welcome a liaison from ECMA TC1 to continue the discussion.

Sincerely,

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