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2) FCD Consideration: This voting summary is forwarded to WG 3 for consideration. WG 3 is requested to prepare a disposition of comments report, revised text and a recommendation for further processing.

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Summary of Voting on SC 2 N 3329

	Approve	Appove with Comments	Disapprove	Abstain	Approve	Appove with Comments	Disapprove	Abstain	Comment
P-member									
Armenia				X					
Australia				X				X	Lack of Expertise
Austria									
Belgium	X				X				
Brazil	X				X				
Canada							X		Attachment 1
China	X				X				
Denmark	X				X				
Egypt	X				X				
Finland	X				X				
France	X				X				
Germany	X				X				
Greece	X				X				
Iceland									
India									
Iran									
Ireland	X				X				
Israel	X					X			Attachment 2
Italy	X				X				
Japan	X				X				
Korea Rep. of	X				X				
Morocco									
Netherlands				X				X	Attachment 3
Norway	X				X				
Poland	X						X		Attachment 4
Romania									
Russian Federation									
Singapore									
Slovenia									
Sweden	X					X			Attachment 5
Thailand									
Tunisia									
Turkey									
UK	X				X				
USA	X						X		Attachment 6
Viet Nam									
Yugoslavia									
Total	19		0	2	17		3	2	
O-member									
Poland	X				X				

Attachment 1 - Canada

Due date 1999-10-15

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Canada DISAPPROVES for the reasons below:

Character 10/14 looks too much like the G0-set ";", which does not justify adding a new one for compatibility reasons. Currently the "G0 set" ";" is used as an interrogation mark in Greece. Creating a new codepoint to mean the same character would be detrimental to current applications.

Second, check the YPOGEGRAMMENI UCS identifier which might be wrong.

Attachment 2 - Israel

Israel votes YES provided that the relevant (*) national body also approves this draft - otherwise our vote is ABSTAIN.

(*) relevant national body = the national body for which this character collection describes its national language.

Attachment 3 - Netherlands

Comments:

We abstain as we do not have sufficient expertise in the matter.

Nevertheless, we like to put a few questions.

1. The drachma will be replaced as soon as possible by the euro. Why is then inclusion of a DRACHMA SIGN justified?

A standard is meant to be permanent, and not for a short period only.

2. A difference is made between SEMICOLON and GREEK QUESTION MARK. But the corresponding graphic symbols are almost indistinguishable. How will this work out in practice?

3. Most of the texts of the several parts of 8859 are, and shall be, identical. Are there any deviations made in this part 7 from the common text (which we were unable to check)?

Attachment 4 - Poland

Reasons for disapproval of

ISO/IEC FDC 8859-7

8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets

Part 7: Latin/Greek alphabet

The clause on page 1 (inherited from the earlier parts of the standard)

This part of ISO/IEC 8859 may not be used in conjunction with any other of ISO/IEC 8859. If coded characters from more than one part are to be used together, by means of code extension techniques, the equivalent coded character sets from ISO/IEC 10367 should be used instead within a version of ISO/IEC 4873 at level 2 or level 3.

no longer makes sense, because the ISO/IEC 8859 standard family contains now (or will contain) characters not included ISO/IEC 10367 (e. g. Thai).

Attachment 5 - Sweden

Swedish comment to SC 2 N 3329 on WD 8859-7

Latin/Greek:

1. The Swedish NB assumes that the DRACHMA SIGN will have received a 10646 coding before 8859-7 is progressed to the FDIS stage.
2. The Table 1 identification of the GREEK QUESTION MARK is in error. The identification shall be U+037E, not U+00AE.

Attachment 6 - US

U.S. Comments accompanying the Disapproval vote for FCD Registration of ISO 8859-7- Greek

Disapprove unless the following changes are made to the proposal:

Greek question mark in position AE must not be added.

Add a comment to 3B "also Greek question mark for Erotimatiko".

U+20AF must be entered at the table as the identifier for 10/05 (A5) DRACHMA SIGN.

The identifiers and names for 10/01 (A1), 10/02 (A2), and 11/07 (B7) must be changed to:

10/01 U+02BD - MODIFIER LETTER REVERSED COMMA

10/02 U+02BC - MODIFIER LETTER APOSTROPHE

11/07 U+00B7 - MIDDLE DOT

These changes must be made to prevent mapping problems for this new standard, and incompatibilities with ISO 10646. Registration for final bytes must be done also.