

**Feedback on L2/24-134 Proposal to Encode a Pridnestrovian Ruble Sign,
in response to L2/24-271 and L2/25-024**

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I strongly support the UTC decision to encode the “RUBLE SIGN WITH DOUBLE VERTICAL STEM”, based on the character shape as proposed in L2/24-134.

In my opinion, the UTC is not an organisation to recognize “real currencies”, as the organisation maintaining ISO 4217 codes is. The UTC is free to encode any symbols which meet their criterions, as are layouted in L2/24-271, as:

- *The proposed character is a text element that cannot be represented by any existing character or character sequence.*
- *It is not a logo or encumbered by intellectual property claims.*
- *The character is in active use by a user community.*

For instance, this has applied to.

- U+20B7 ₴ SPESMILO SIGN, never having been a real currency.
- U+20BB ₰ NORDIC MARK SIGN, a historic currency never included in ISO 4217.

(Image somebody invents a double-slashed ~~MI~~ ^M to be used for money in games like Monopoly [independent from the supplier of that game], and this symbol gets popular: is there any reason to refuse the encoding based on a missing ISO 4217 code?)

Similarly, UTC can (and does) accept astrological symbols without any approval of any organisation, especially not of the IAU as far as historic astronomical symbols are concerned.

On the other hand, the community using the “RUBLE SIGN WITH DOUBLE VERTICAL STEM” would be fully served if that symbol is encoded in another block with another name not referring to its use as a currency symbol, e. g. in the Cyrillic Extended-C block as:

U+1C8B CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER R SIGN WITH DOUBLE STEM

This would give the user community no real reason to complain, as e. g. the valid currency symbol U+0E3F ฿ THAI CURRENCY SYMBOL BAHT also is contained in a script block rather than in the Currency Symbols block.

Maybe such a solution could be appropriate to avoid any problems on the level of politics.