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Description

This document is circulated in accordance with RESOLUTION M 31-10: Establishment of Advisory Group 1 "Ideographic Research Group (IRG)" adopted at the SC 2 Plenary meeting, Paris, France, 2026-06-22 and 26.

Terms of Reference for SC 2/AG 1: Ideographic Research Group (IRG)

Purpose

The IRG is established as an Advisory Group (AG) under the authority of ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 2 in accordance with the provisions of Clause 1.13.3 of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1.

The IRG provides technical advice to SC 2 on the standardization of ideographic characters for ISO/IEC 10646.

SC 2 may carry out this work through its Maintenance Agency (MA), as appropriate.

Scope

The IRG conducts proactive research on the following issues related to CJK Unified Ideographs and prepares recommendations for standardization:

- CJK Unified Ideographs repertoire and its extensions
- CJK Unification Rules

Work on new IRG projects requires the approval of SC 2. Relevant documents for such approval shall be prepared before the IRG may officially launch any new projects.

Membership

Membership of the IRG shall be drawn from the following categories:

- a) committee officers
- b) individuals appointed by P Members of SC 2 (members represent their own Expert opinion, and not the interests of their National Bodies)
- c) individuals appointed by Category A liaison organizations of SC 2
- d) ensuring that existing Category C liaisons of WG 2 can participate at AG 1 in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1

The size of the IRG is kept small enough to communicate and operate effectively.

Reporting and recommendations

The IRG functions in a purely advisory capacity for SC 2 and WG 2.

Any recommendations or organizational decisions conveyed by the IRG to SC 2 and WG 2 shall reflect a consensus among IRG members.

IRG is not empowered to make decisions on behalf of SC 2 or WG 2, except where authority has been delegated by the SC 2 Plenary.

Administration

Operational details of the IRG's activities and administration shall be established in a separate document. The document shall be subject to approval by SC 2.