



ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 2 "Coded character sets"

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Description

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National Bodies and Liaison Organizations present at this Plenary: Canada, China, Czech Republic, Germany, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, Norway, Serbia, USA, the Unicode Consortium, SC 34, ISO/TC 37/SC 2

All Resolutions approved unanimously unless otherwise noted.

RESOLUTION M 31-01: SC 2 Business Plan

SC 2 agrees that the Secretariat submits Strategic Business Plan to JTC 1 for the November 2026 JTC 1 Plenary meeting after comments from National Bodies and Liaison Organizations are implemented as appropriate. SC 2 National Bodies and Liaison Organizations are invited to submit comments on the draft Strategic Business Plan in SC 2 N 5042 by August 31, 2026.

RESOLUTION M 31-02: SC 2 Succession Plan

SC 2 agrees that the Secretariat submits Succession Plan to JTC 1 for the November 2026 JTC 1 Plenary meeting after comments from National Bodies and Liaison Organizations are implemented as appropriate. SC 2 National Bodies and Liaison Organizations are invited to submit comments on the draft Succession Plan in SC 2 N 5045 by August 31, 2026.

RESOLUTION M 31-03: Re-appointment of WG 2 Convenor

Noting the US endorsement contained in SC 2 N 5031, SC 2 re-appoints Mr. Michel Suignard as WG 2 Convenor for an additional three-year term of office from 2027 to 2029.

RESOLUTION M 31-04: Progression of ISO/IEC 10646 (Ed. 7)

SC 2 approves the disposition of comments in Document SC 2 N 5051 (WG 2 N 5369) on ISO/IEC CD 10646.4 as described in WG 2 Recommendation M73.01 and additional changes described in WG 2 Recommendations M73.02 and M73.03 adopted at the 73rd WG 2 meeting (WG 2 Recommendations are in Document SC 2 N 5053).

- Recommendation M73.02 (CJK Additions and changes for the CD)
- Recommendation M73.03 (Code Charts)

SC 2 instructs the Project Editor to submit a revised text, which will include the changes arising from recommendations M73.01 through M73.03 above, to its Secretariat for DIS processing. SC 2 delegates

its authority to WG 2 for the responsibility of preparing a disposition of comments report on each ballot, a revised text and recommendation for further processing of this project until the next SC 2 Plenary. The target dates are DIS 2026-10-01, IS 2027-06-01.

RESOLUTION M 31-05: Project Subdivision for Amendment 1 to ISO/IEC 10646 (Ed. 7)

SC 2 approves the addition of a new project for Amendment 1 to ISO/IEC 10646 (7th Ed.) to its Programme of Work.

Title: ISO/IEC 10646, Information technology – Universal Coded Character Set (UCS) – Amendment 1

Scope: ISO/IEC 10646 specifies the Universal Coded Character Set (UCS). It is applicable to the representation, transmission, interchange, processing, storage, input, and presentation of the written form of the languages of the world as well as of additional symbols.

Rationale: This new amendment will add new characters. The scope will not be expanded from its original one.

SDT: 36 months

Assignment: WG 2

Project Editor: Mr. Michel Suignard

Target dates: CDAM: 2026-09-01, DAM 2028-08-01, FDAM 2029-03-01, AMD 2029-06-15

UN SDGs: 4, 9, 11, 16

SC 2 delegates its authority to WG 2 for the responsibility of preparing a disposition of comments report on each ballot/consultation, a revised text and recommendation for further processing of this project until the next SC 2 Plenary.

RESOLUTION M 31-06: Request on ISO Website

SC 2 recognizes that some International Standards should be retained for their historical value, and such ISs should therefore be maintained without any modifications. To this end, SC 2 instructs its Chair to request ITTF to consider adding language on the ISO website that clearly states that those ISs are not subject to update.

RESOLUTION M 31-07: Reminder to Use and Conform to the Latest Character Standard

SC 2 confirms and strongly recommends those who work on software implementation and relevant standardization that modern equipment should be based on the latest version or amendment of ISO/IEC 10646 rather than legacy character encoding standards.

SC 2 also confirms that work at Unicode CLDR project is useful for localized text usage. And SC 2 emphasizes the importance of the conformance to ISO/IEC 10646 for handling text information properly.

RESOLUTION M 31-08: Response to Serbian Request in SC 2 N 5008

In reference to SC 2 N 5008, SC 2 confirms its receipt of the request from ISS regarding references to the Serbian language in legacy character encoding standards.

SC 2 confirms that the standards referenced in the ISS request are stabilized and are not subject to further update, and in accordance with Resolution M 31-07 legacy character encoding standards should not be used as the basis for modern software implementations.

RESOLUTION M 31-09: Continuation of Ad Hoc Group 1 on Work Process Review for ISO/IEC 10646

SC 2 agrees to continue Ad Hoc Group 1 (AHG 1) on Work Process Review for ISO/IEC 10646 through the next SC 2 Plenary in 2027. The Terms of Reference is not changed as follows.

Terms of Reference:

1. Analyze the Pros and Cons of the Maintenance Agency versus existing structure for updating the character repertoire and associated data of ISO/IEC 10646
2. Consider draft Terms of Reference of the Maintenance Agency for review.

Note: Work in the AHG is suggested to consider following aspects;

- i. Decision making process including how Member bodies of SC2 should be involved
- ii. Internal and external structure
- iii. Intellectual property rights and publication method of the deliverables.
- iv. Jurisdiction of MA, SC 2, WG2, IRG...
- v. Quality control of the deliverables
- vi. Fairness and openness

Membership is open to:

1. Individuals nominated by P-member NBs (2 persons maximum/NB)
2. Individuals nominated by Liaison Organizations (2 persons maximum/Organization)
3. SC 2 Chair, SC 2 Committee Manager, WG 2 Convenor, and IRG Convenor

Duration: until next SC 2 Plenary in 2027

Convenor: Dr. Shuichi TASHIRO

SC 2 instructs the AHG 1 to submit a report and recommendations at least 6 weeks prior to the SC 2 Plenary in 2027.

RESOLUTION M 31-10: Establishment of Advisory Group 1 “Ideographic Research Group (IRG)”

Noting the AHG 1 Recommendation M5.01 in Document SC 2 N 5055, SC 2 converts WG 2/IRG into Advisory Group 1 (AG 1) "Ideographic Research Group (IRG)" to provide technical advice to SC 2 on the standardization of ideographic characters for ISO/IEC 10646 with the ToR stated in Document SC 2 N 5054 with amendments described below.

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)
- 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.

SC 2 appoints Dr. Ken Lunde (subject to endorsement by Unicode Consortium) as its Convenor for one year from 2026 to 2027.

SC 2 Secretariat shall amend the draft Terms of Reference by

- a) replacing all references to the Maintenance Agency (MA) with Working Group 2 (WG 2) and
- b) noting that members represent their own Expert opinion, and not the interests of their National Bodies.
- c) ensuring that existing Category C liaisons of WG 2 can participate at AG 1 in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1.

RESOLUTION M 31-11: Appointment/Confirmation of Project Editors

SC 2 appoints/confirms its Project Editor as follows:

JTC 1.02.10646 (WG 2) Mr. Michel Suignard

RESOLUTION M 31-12: Appointment/Confirmation of Contributing Editors

SC 2 appoints/confirms its Contributing Editors as follows:

JTC 1.02.10646 Mr. CHEN Zhuang
 Mr. Michael Everson
 Mr. Peter Constable
 Dr. Ken Whistler
 Dr. Asmus Freytag
 Dr. Jan Kučera
 Mr. LIANG Hai
 Dr. Ken Lunde

RESOLUTION M 31-13: Appointment/Confirmation of Liaison Representatives

SC 2 appoints/confirms its Liaison representatives as follows:

ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 34	Dr. Toshiya Suzuki
ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 35	Mr. Karl Pentzlin
ISO/TC 204	Mr. Masaru Takechi
ISO/TC 37/SC 2	Mr. Peter Constable
ISO/TC 46/SC 4	Dr. Jan Kučera
ISOC/IETF	Mr. Michel Suignard
Unicode	Mr. Peter Constable
HKITF	Mr. CHEN Zhuang
TCA	Dr. Ken Lunde
SEI - UC Berkeley	Dr. Anushah Hossain
W3C	vacant
SAT	Dr. Ken Lunde

RESOLUTION M 31-14: SC 2 Representative to ISO 15924 Registration Authority (RA) - Joint Advisory Committee (JAC)

SC 2 confirms Mr. Rick McGowan and Dr. Jan Kučera as the SC 2 representatives to the ISO 15924 Registration Authority (RA) - Joint Advisory Committee (JAC).

RESOLUTION M 31-15: WG 2/Ideographic Research Group (IRG)

SC 2 confirms the WG 2/IRG activity with its Convenor Dr. Ken Lunde.

RESOLUTION M 31-16: Future Meeting Schedule

SC 2 recognizes the future meeting schedule as follows:

- SC 2 Plenary and WG 2 meetings:
 - 32nd SC 2 Plenary and 74th WG 2: 2027-06-21/25, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
 - 33rd SC 2 Plenary and 75th WG 2: 2028-06, Kunming, China (tentative)
- IRG meetings:
 - IRG #67, 2026-10-12/16, Tokyo, Japan (hybrid; host by SAT)
 - IRG #68, 2027-03-15/19, Virtual (Webex)
 - IRG #69, 2027-10-11/15, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (hybrid; host by Fulbright University)
 - IRG #70, 2028-03-13/17, Virtual (Webex)

RESOLUTION M 31-17: In memory of Dr. Andrew West

SC 2, noting with great sadness the passing of Dr. Andrew West, expresses its sincere appreciation for his dedication and valuable contributions to SC 2 over many years and extends its deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues. May he rest in peace.

APPRECIATION 01: Acknowledgement of the Host

SC 2 thanks Dr. David Rabouin, Université de Paris Cité, and French National Body AFNOR for hosting the meeting. In addition, SC 2 thanks Ms. Nathalie DaSilva and staff from AFNOR for providing logistical support before and during this meeting. SC 2 also appreciates Dr. David Rabouin for hosting and organizing the enjoyable event on Wednesday afternoon and evening.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. SC 2 Secretariat initiates a Committee Internal Ballot for a consultation purpose once the current (preliminary) version of ToR of Maintenance Agency is submitted by the AHG 1 Convenor.