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Doc Type:	**Working Group Document**
Title:	**Addition of the DRACHMA SIGN to the UCS**
Source:	**ELOT**
Status:	**National Body Proposal**
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   This document proposes the addition of a Greek currency sign to the UCS, and presents the proposal summary form.

   Greece has proposed the addition of the DRACHMA SIGN to ISO/IEC 8859-7 in one of the empty positions (xA5 or 10/05). The creation of the EURO SIGN has necessitated the creation of a unique DRACHMA SIGN for use in banking, administration, and for general purposes in Greece and countries trading with Greece both inside and outside the the European Union, especially during the transitional period when both the drachma and the euro are in use.

   The DRACHMA SIGN is a glyph with a stylized capital delta together with a small rho.

A. Administrative

1. Title
Addition of the DRACHMA SIGN to the UCS
2. Requester's name
ELOT
3. Requester type
National body contribution
4. Submission date
1999-01-20
5. Requester's reference
6a. Completion
This is a complete proposal.
6b. More information to be provided?
No

B. Technical -- General

1a. New script? Name?
No.
1b. Addition of characters to existing block? Name?
Yes. Currency Symbols
2. Number of characters
1

3. Proposed category
Category A
4. Proposed level of implementation and rationale
Level 1 noncombining character.
5a. Character names included in proposal?
Yes
5b. Character names in accordance with guidelines?
Yes
5c. Character shapes reviewable?
Yes (see above)
6a. Who will provide computerized font?
Michael Everson, Everson Gunn Teoranta
6b. Font currently available?
Yes
6c. Font format?
TrueType
7a. Are references (to other character sets, dictionaries, descriptive texts, etc.) provided?
Yes. ISO/IEC FCD 8859-7:1998
7b. Are published examples (such as samples from newspapers, magazines, or other sources) of use of proposed characters attached?
No.
8. Does the proposal address other aspects of character data processing?
No.

C. Technical -- Justification

1. Contact with the user community?
Yes: ELOT and ISO/IEC JTC1/SC2/WG3
2. Information on the user community?
Banks, administration, the general public.
3a. The context of use for the proposed characters?
Chifly for environments in which both the DRACHMA SIGN and the EURO SIGN appear together.
3b. Reference
See references given above.
4a. Proposed characters in current use?
Yes
4b. Where?
In Greece.
5a. Characters should be encoded entirely in BMP?
Yes.
5b. Rationale
Keeping it with the other currency characters.
6. Should characters be kept in a continuous range?
No.
7a. Can the characters be considered a presentation form of an existing character or character sequence?
The glyph looks like script capital DELTA and small RHO but the symbol is intended for unitary use in collocation with the EURO SIGN.
7b. Where?
7c. Reference

8a. Can any of the characters be considered to be similar (in appearance or function) to an existing character?
No
8b. Where?
8c. Reference
9a. Combining characters or use of composite sequences included?
No.
9b. List of composite sequences and their corresponding glyph images provided?
Yes
10. Characters with any special properties such as control function, etc. included?
No

D. SC2/WG2 Administrative
To be completed by SC2/WG2
1. Relevant SC 2/WG 2 document numbers:

2. Status (list of meeting number and corresponding action or disposition)

3. Additional contact to user communities, liaison organizations etc.

4. Assigned category and assigned priority/time frame

Other Comments