

To: SC2/WG2

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Subject: ROK's Comments about DPRK's proposals (WG2 N 2231, 2243-2247)

Status: National Position of Korea NB

Actions requested: to be reviewed at the 39th WG2 meeting in Athens, Greece, in Sep., 2000

References: WG2 N 2231, N2243-2247, N2193 (=Korea JTC1/SC2 K1168B), N2056

1. WG2 N2231

- DPRK's Requests: changing the term Jamo and Arrangements of Hangul Jamos and syllables

- comments:

1) JTC1 N5999 covered these issues.

2) Resolutions for JTC1 N5999 were made at Beijing meeting in March 2000.

3) Therefore, no further comments need to be made.

2. WG2 N2243

- DPRK's requests: addition of 14 Korean alphabets

- comments:

1) Korean alphabet includes hundreds of letters. Therefore we suggest that the term "alphabet" be changed to "letter".

2) We would like to get documents demonstrating that these letters were actually used in the past, so that ROK can review these letters carefully.

3) We would like to get a copy of KPS 9566-97, which seems to contain these letters.

4) We will fully support adding these letters provided that these are actually needed.

3. WG2 N2244

- DPRK's requests: addition of special characters

- Comments:

1) We would like to get more detailed explanation for each of the letters in addition to character names.

2) For example, we had difficulty figuring out why ".)" and ".>>" are needed.

3) We will fully support adding these special characters provided that these characters are actually needed.

4. WG2 N2245

- DPRK's requests: Jame -> Alphabets, Hangul -> Korean

- comments:

1) JTC1 N5999 covered these issues.

2) Resolutions for JTC1 N5999 were made at Beijing meeting in March 2000.

3) Therefore, no further comments need to be made.

5. WG2 N2246

- DPRK's requests: documents showing DPRK's collating sequence of Hangul letters (Jamos)

- comments:

1) Please see comments regarding WG2 N2231 above.

6. WG2 N2247

- DPRK's requests: showing DPRK's source for some of Unified Hanja characters.
- comments:

1) We would like to get a copy of KPS 10721-2000, which seems to contain these Hanja characters.

2) In principle, we support DPRK's request that DPRK's source for some of Unified Hanja characters be added.

3) We suggest that the DPRK's request, i.e., the horizontal extension of 18,119 characters, be carefully reviewed within IRG.

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