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This report gives information supplementary to the Resolutions taken by the tenth SC 2 plenary meeting held in Athens, Greece, 2000-09-25/26.

1. Participation

Thirteen national bodies were present. The participant's list is contained in SC2 N 3492.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The following modifications were made to the final draft agenda in SC 2 N 3490.

- Item 11.1.3, 1), Document N 3489 was added.
- Item 11.2.2, 1), CD 2375, Document N 3479 was added.
- Item 11.2.1, 1), Document WG 2 N 912 was corrected to WG 3 N 512.
- Item 11.2.1, 2), Document N 3434 was corrected to N 3484.
- Item 11.2.2.1, 1) FCD 6937 and Item 11.2.2.1, 2) NP/Subdivision proposals were combined.
- Item 11.2.2.1, 5) was deleted.

3. Appointment of Drafting Committee

Mr. Mike Ksar and Mr. Takayuki K. Sato were appointed as the drafting committee members to work with the Chairman and the Secretary.

4. Secretariat Report

The Secretariat reported the following membership change since the last plenary.

New P members: Mongolia, DPRK; Change from P to O: VietNam; Withdrawal: UK

5. Review of JTC 1 Level Activities

The resolutions from the JTC 1 Seoul plenary and the strategic planning ad hoc activities were reviewed. Action required was to Resolution 15 of JTC 1 Seoul plenary (Request to SC 2). It was felt that SC 2 already has organizations having experts for minority and historical languages and it is enough to inform JTC 1 of those organizations. It was, however, decided to invite NBs to nominate additional organizations. The adopted resolution is M10.02.

6. Review of CLAUI TD Activities

The meeting agenda for CLAUI TD to be held on 2000-10-18/19 was distributed as N 3488. Mr. Melagrakis was appointed to represent SC 2. In relation to SC 22/WG 20 activities, a possibility of taking up the maintenance responsibility of its standards closely related to IS 10646 and requiring knowledge of character property was discussed. No concrete decision was made.

7. WG 2 Activities

Mr. Mike Ksar, Convener of WG 2 presented SC 2 N 3491 (WG 2 N 2248) with the following remarks:

- The final text of ISO/IEC 10646-1: 2000 has been sent to ITTF.
- All the comments on FCD 10646-2 were disposed satisfactory and all the four negative votes cast to the ballot have been changed to approval. There is no target date change. Except final glyph and source information from of DPRK to be submitted by early December 2000, the contents will not be changed. 10646 Part 2 will be published next year. The title was slightly changed for easier understanding.
- WG 2 has started development of Working Draft for Amendment 1 to 10646- 1: 2000. WG 2 Resolutions in SC 2 N 3489 contain the changes to be made to the text.
- Principle and procedures in WG 2 N 2002 will be updated.
- WG 2 stopped hard copy mailing and all the documents will be distributed from WG 2 website.

8. WG 3 Activities

Mr. Melagrakis, WG 3 Convener, reported its activities.

- WG 3 has finished important items, thus future meetings were not decided. They will be considered in the future.
- WG 3 recommends transfer of OCR projects to SC 31. After the transfer, if SC 31 decides revision, information to be used can be provided.
- Revised texts for FDIS 8859-7, 8859-11, 8859-16 will be prepared by 2000-11.
- There was intensive discussion on CD 2375 and based on the discussion of ad hoc group, a new text will be prepared for 2nd CD by the end of 2000-11.
- Revision of ISO/IEC 10367: 1991 is not necessary, but technical corrigendum be prepared.
- WG 3 recommends preparation of editorial corrigenda to 8859 series so that reference to IS 10367 is not needed.
- Layout of 8859 should maintain consistent appearance.
- Remaining issue of 8859-7 is Greek question mark. It will be discussed by e-mail. Disposition of comments report and a revised text will be prepared by 2000-11.
- The disposition of comments on FCD 8859-11 was agreed. WG 3 convener will send a revised text for FDIS to be prepared by the project editors by the by 2000-11 to the SC 2 Secretariat. Only minor adjustment will be given to the FCD text.

Related discussion followed.

- FCD 8859-16
With reference to SC 2 N 3414, the Netherlands proposed discontinuation of 8859-16, however the majority members supported continuation.
- FCD 6937
In relation to the negative votes from Finland and Sweden on FCD ballot and Swedish proposal submitted as SC 2 N 3484, the following were discussed.
 - Whether to proceed FCD 6937 to FDIS as approved by WG 3 Resolution M16.3 or cancel the project to start new one with new scope.
 - Whether to start a subdivision letter ballot for preparation of Amendment to FCD 6937.
 - Characters to be added are Euro only or others too.
 - Prior agreement with ITU-T is needed or not.
 After discussion, it was decided to proceed FCD to FDIS, and to have a subdivision letter ballot separately with prior agreement with ITU-T. The adopted Resolutions are Resolution M10.12 and M10.13.

9. IRG Activities

Mr. Zhang, Zhoucai, reported the IRG activities:

IRG had three meetings since last SC 2 plenary. Participates are 25 to 30 each time. The meetings held since the last plenary are:

- #13: 1999-05-17/21 HongKong, China
- #14: 1999-12-06/10 Singapore
- #15: 2000-06-19/23 Kunming, China

Efforts made were to generate CJK Extension B. IRG prepared six versions of working drafts covering more than 2500 pages each. High quality code chart for Extension B will be prepared by the end of 2000. CJK Extension C is under consideration. Next meeting is 4-8 December 2000 in HongKong.

10. Appointment of Officers

Mr. Mike Ksar and Mr. Evanglelos Melagrakis were re-appointed as the WG 2 and WG 3 Conveners respectively. Mr. Zhang Zhoucai (China) was re-appointed as the IRG Rapporteur. Mr. Michel Suignard was appointed as the new editor for 10646-1.

11. Future Meeting

The next plenary meeting was tentatively scheduled for 2001-09-18/19 in Singapore. The WG meeting schedule was approved as in Resolution M10.28.