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A. Administrative	
1. Title	Proposal to add Om and Am
2. Requester's name	CHEA Sok Huor, LAO Kim Leang, HARADA Shiro, Norbert KLEIN
3. Requester type	Expert request.
4. Submission date	2002-02-13
5. Requester's reference	ISO/IETC JTC 1/SC 2/WG 2 N2380R
6a. Completion	This is a complete proposal.
6b. More information to be provided?	Only as required for clarification.

B. Technical – General	
1a. New script? Name?	No.
1b. Addition of characters to existing block? Name?	Yes. Khmer
2. Number of characters	2
3. Proposed category	
4. Proposed level of implementation and rationale	
5a. Character names included in proposal?	Yes
5b. Character names in accordance with guidelines?	Yes

5c. Character shapes reviewable?	Yes.
6a. Who will provide computerized font?	
6b. Font currently available?	
6c. Font format?	TrueType.
7a. Are references (to other character sets, dictionaries, descriptive texts, etc.) provided?	
7b. Are published examples (such as samples from newspapers, magazines, or other sources) of use of proposed characters attached?	
8. Does the proposal address other aspects of character data processing?	Character classifications are provided.

C. Technical – Justification

1. Contact with the user community?	Yes. National Body Contribution
2. Information on the user community?	Native.
3a. The context of use for the proposed characters?	
3b. Reference	
4a. Proposed characters in current use?	Yes.
4b. Where?	Cambodia.
5a. Characters should be encoded entirely in BMP?	Yes.
5b. Rationale	Daily use of characters in Cambodia.
6. Should characters be kept in a continuous range?	
7a. Can the characters be considered a presentation form of an existing character or character sequence?	No
7b. Where?	
7c. Reference	
8a. Can any of the characters be considered to be similar (in appearance or function) to an existing character?	
8b. Where?	

8c. Reference	
9a. Combining characters or use of composite sequences included?	
9b. List of composite sequences and their corresponding glyph images provided?	
10. Characters with any special properties such as control function, etc. included?	

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	

In the process of originally encoding the Khmer script, some commonly used characters were not encoded. It is proposed that the characters listed be added to facilitate conversion between character encodings.

The proposed characters are currently encoded as U+17C6 U+17BB and U+17C6 U+17B6. All existing Cambodian computer systems currently represent these vowels as single characters. Compatibility with existing systems would be enhanced by encoding these vowels.

17DE – KHMER VOWEL SIGN OM; Mn; 0; NSM; ; ; ; ; N; ; ; ; ;



17DF – KHMER VOWEL SIGN AM; Mc; 0; L; ; ; ; ; N; ; ; ; ;

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