

**INCITS/L2/09-083**

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**Title: Comments accompanying the U.S. positive vote on PDAM 7 to ISO/IEC 10646:2003**

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**Action: Forward to INCITS**

The U.S. National Body is voting Yes with comments on the following SC2 ballot: SC2 N4052: Information technology -- Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set (UCS) -- AMENDMENT 7: Mandaic, Batak, Brahmi, Tangut, and other characters.

**Technical Comments:**

**T.1. Kana**

We request the addition of the character U+1B000 KATAKANA LETTER ARCHAIC E to be located in a new block Historic Kana, located from 1B000-1B0FF. This character was originally proposed in N3388 (L2/07-421) with the name KATAKANA LETTER ORIGINAL E. This character is needed by specialists who wish to discuss early Japanese orthography.

**T.2. Unified Canadian Aboriginal Syllabics Extended**

The U.S. recommends the characters be reordered as requested in N3563. The U.S. further recommends that these characters be moved to AMD 6, to consolidate all UCAS additions in a single Amendment.

**T.3. Batak**

The U.S. requests Batak be removed from Amendment 7, as there remain open questions about the repertoire. Two ornamental symbols, U+1BFA BATAK SYMBOL BINDU GODANG and U+1BFB BATAK SYMBOL BINDU PINARJOLMA, are graphic objects that do not belong in plain text in our opinion. The second issue concerns sets of dialect-specific shapes currently disunified; we believe these should be unified.

**T.4. Tangut**

The U.S. reaffirms its strong support for the inclusion of Tangut in amendment 6. A revised multi-column chart now includes data from a font from PRC. This proposal has had extensive review.