To: South Asian Subcommittee and UTC
From: Deborah Anderson, Rick McGowan, and Ken Whistler
Title: Review of Indic-related L2 documents and Recommendations to the UTC
Date: 27 April 2011

1. Grantha
Document: L2/11-075 More views, opinions and suggestions as feedback on proposal of encoding Grantham - N. D. Logasundaram

Discussion: We reviewed L2/11-075.

Recommendation: We recommend the UTC note the feedback. Pending a Government of India response to the Tamil Nadu discussion, we recommend the UTC take no action on Grantha.

2. Balti-B
Document: L2/11-103 Preliminary Proposal to Encode the Balti 'B' Script – Pandey

Discussion: We reviewed L2/11-103.

Recommendation: We recommend UTC members review this proposal and forward comments to proposal author.

3. Khambu Rai
Document: L2/11-105 Introducing the Khambu Rai Script - Pandey

Discussion: We reviewed L2/11-105. In the next version of this proposal, the author should use the code points as agreed upon by the Roadmap Committee (tentatively allocated at 11A00 - 11A3F) and include a codechart. Because figure 1 says the script "has the same letters as Devanagari," there is a question whether the values are the same, so additional text examples and documentation should be provided. Specifically, sort out 3 conjuncts and if there is a nukta. Examining the other scripts used for Kiranti languages would be useful, with a discussion of how these compare with Khambu Rai in handling the phonology.

Recommendation: We recommend UTC members review this proposal and forward comments to proposal author.

4. Khema
Document: L2/11-106 Introducing the Khema Script for Writing Gurung – Pandey

Discussion: We have reviewed this document. The next version should use code points as allocated by the Roadmap Committee (tentatively assigned to 11A40 - 11A7F) and include a codechart. Figure 2 shows a double danda where the Devanagari uses a single danda. How is

the double danda being used and would you recommend no script-specific dandas be proposed? Also, it appears that Western punctuation is used, for a square bracket appears in the top line of figure 2. Are other ASCII and Western punctuation marks used? Is figure 2 a trilingual example?

Recommendation: We recommend other UTC members review this document, forwarding their comments to the proposal author.

5. Mro
Document L2/11-122 Discussion of Mro Dandas - Hosken

Discussion: We have reviewed this document.

Recommendation: Based on the evidence provided in this document, we recommend the UTC accept both MRO DANDA U+16A6E and MRO DOUBLE DANDA U+16A6F. If the UTC agrees, the instructions to UTC liaison should be to not object to these characters during discussion at WG2. (Both are in PDAM 1.)

6. Tulu
Document: L2/11-120 : Preliminary proposal for encoding the Tulu script in the SMP (WG2 N4025) - Everson

Discussion: We have reviewed this document. The author should provide some references supporting the statement that the script is undergoing revival and that its encoding is of some priority. The proposal needs to justify encoding the 2-part vowels as pieces. The discussion in section 3 does not match the information in section 4. (Two typos need correction: "combnining" in section 3 and "*for* the Humanities" in last line of Acknowledgements.) There is a glyph duplication in the code chart at 11B5A and 11B5B that needs to be fixed.

Recommendation: We recommend other UTC members review this document, forwarding their comments to the proposal author.