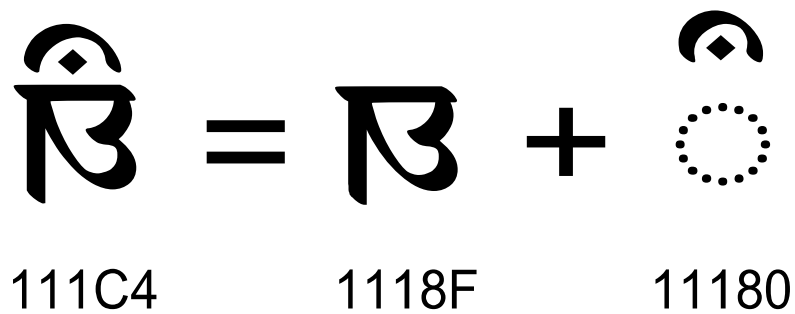


Recommendation against use of 111C4 SHARADA OM for now

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This is with reference to my previous document L2/11-308. Please note the information on pp 2-3 regarding the Sharada OM. The current appearance of 111C4 SHARADA OM is exactly the same as that of the sequence 1118F SHARADA LETTER O + 11180 SHARADA SIGN CANDRABINDU, but no canonical decomposition of the former to the latter has been provided:



Evidence for the existence of a uniquely shaped written form for Sharada OM possibly exists, but has not been presented so far, even though a different unrelated document on Sharada has been submitted (L2/11-430).

Whatever be the policy for encoding OM characters, it is beyond doubt that no character which is equivalent in display and properties to an existing character or sequence thereof can be a legitimate distinct character.

Therefore until such time as evidence for a unique glyph for Sharada OM is provided, it is requested that the UTC recommend *against* the use of the newly encoded character 111C4 SHARADA OM. When such evidence is provided, the representative glyph of the character may be changed and the recommendation against use may be withdrawn.