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### **Introduction**

As the Rovas Foundation is not able to participate in person at the UTC meeting, this document briefly summarizes the main stand points of the Rovas Foundation in representation of the user community and the stake holders of the Rovas (*r-o-w-a-sh*) culture and scripts in the ongoing encoding process. Please send any response to this memorandum to László Sípos (email: [rovasfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:rovasfoundation@gmail.com)).

### **Acknowledgements**

The Rovas Foundation and the represented user community, stake holders do appreciate the valuable contributions of all participants and the progress toward the encoding of the Rovas script family.

### **Main stand points:**

1. Two members of the Rovas script family – the Szekely-Hungarian Rovas and the Carpathian Basin Rovas are contemporary writing systems with a rapidly growing hundred thousand scale user base within the Hungarian speaking communities worldwide. Therefore, the prior input to the encoding have to be the real needs of the user community.
2. The prior usage of the Rovas scripts is the contemporary application parallel with the Latin-based Hungarian orthography, in all the fields of the daily life, technology, science, economy and education and digital telecommunication.
3. The Rovas culture and scripts has already become part of the Hungaricum (Hungarian national specialties) Act proposal in Hungary and there is growing political consensus to nominate the Rovas for adding to the national symbols of both the entire Hungarian nation and the Szekelys (special ethnic groups of the Hungarians living in Romania) respectively.
4. In Hungary, the Ministry of National Resources (State Department of Education and Culture) is recently considering the methods for introduction the Rovas into the Hungarian compulsory education.
5. The user community and the stake holders of the Rovas culture and scripts made sure of the professional (historical, linguistic), technical and procedural competence of the Hungarian National Body, its experts and consultants. Note, that due to the widening Rovas research, the historical and linguistic theories are evolving, novel results of both the scientific research and the technical developments are emerging continuously.
6. The Rovas Foundation is recognized within the legislation, state administration, higher education and research institutions as the leading user community representative. The foundation is continuously lobbying for nationwide cooperation to support the encoding process as well.

7. The user community, the stake holders and partners represented by the Rovas Foundation unanimously support the sole legitimate contribution, the proposal (N4183) of the Hungarian National Body for encoding the Rovas scripts. Any other contributions conflicting any details of the proposal of the Hungarian National Body are and will be not accepted without written consent of the Hungarian NB.
8. The user community and the stake holders of the Rovas culture are ready for cooperation with all the encoding institutions and professional bodies in order to accelerate the encoding process. As for the individual contributors, the Rovas Foundation recommends to consult their concerns directly with the Hungarian National Body.
9. In accordance with the urging needs of the large user community of a contemporary writing system, The Rovas Foundation is ready to demonstrate and articulate the interest of the Rovas community and the Rovas culture stake holders at global level.

For more details please refer to the N4224 and related documents.