Re: **ESC Recommendations for Emoji 12.0**
From: **Unicode Emoji Subcommittee**
To: **Unicode Technical Committee**
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The following are recommendations for Emoji 12.0 Provisional Candidates. Note that May is the UTC deadline for new characters for 2019, so we have one more meeting after January to add additional candidates, and then prioritize.

In all cases below where the ESC recommends against adding as a provisional candidate, it also recommends against adding to the Unicode Standard as a non-Emoji pictographic character.

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Recommendations

1. Mammoth L2/17-420 http://www.unicode.org/L2/L2017/17420-mammoth-emoji.pdf
   1. Well-formed, but stats don't justify adding; lower priority than many other animals
   2. **ESC recommends against adding as provisional candidate**
   3. For this and the following 3 characters, see 'ISO Character Requests' at the bottom of 17-380:
      i. At the time of writing 17-380, no formal emoji proposals had been received.
      ii. Formal emoji proposals for these three characters were received after the UTC that considered 17-380.
      iii. They were reviewed by ESC, and the ESC recommendations are the same as in 17-380**.**
2. Dodo L2/17-441 http://www.unicode.org/L2/L2017/17441-dodo-emoji.pdf
   1. Well-formed, but stats don't justify adding; lower priority than many other animals
   2. **ESC recommends against adding as provisional candidate**
3. Squirrel L2/17-442 http://www.unicode.org/L2/L2017/17442-squirrel-emoji.pdf
   1. Well-formed, and good stats (popular). However, doesn't look sufficiently different from chipmunk at emoji sizes. (Current emoji broadly represents anything in Sciuridae). Thus lower priority than many other animals.
   2. Note: CLDR v33 (https://unicode.org/cldr/trac/ticket/10842) contains annotation keyword of "squirrel" for the chipmunk.
   3. **ESC recommends against adding as provisional candidate**
      i. However, ESC suggests adding annotation to UTC charts: Eg: "Can also be used to represent squirrel"
4. BILLIARD GAMES
   1. No proposal form received.
   2. Insufficiently distinctive from the current U+1F3B1 BILLIARDS, which can represent either pool or billiards; no evidence supplied of priority or likely usage: it would just crowd out more useful emoji.
      i. "All cue sports are regulated under the umbrella organization of the World

Confederation of Billiards Sports. The WCBS represents the three sports: pool, snooker, and carom. The term "billiards" is generic..." (see also http://www.wcbs-billiards.org/)

      ii. When we show an image of a representative of a particular item, like "sushi", it has to be "some" specific image. The eight ball is as good as any other image for those sports, just as maguro is as good as any for sushi. Adding another kind of billiards has no priority; it would just crowd out more useful emoji.

    3. **ESC recommends against adding as provisional candidate.**

5. TROLL
    1. No proposal form received.
    2. Insufficiently distinctive from the current U+1F479 JAPANESE OGRE and U+1F47A JAPANESE GOBLIN, especially at emoji sizes; no evidence supplied of priority or likely usage: it would just crowd out more useful emoji.
    3. **ESC recommends against adding as provisional candidate.**

6. Razor L2/17-431 http://www.unicode.org/L2/L2017/17431-razor-emoji.pdf
    1. Reasonable stats, though wrench isn't particularly popular (comparison)
    2. Metaphorical uses are helpful
    3. **ESC recommends adding as provisional candidate**

7. Yawning Face L2/17-432 http://www.unicode.org/L2/L2017/17432-yawning-face-emoji.pdf
    1. Stats look reasonable. Faces are very popular, and no other face really covers this.
    2. **ESC recommends adding as provisional candidate**

8. Axe L2/18-002 http://www.unicode.org/L2/L2018/18002-axe-emoji.pdf
    1. Reasonable stats, though wrench isn't particularly popular (comparison)
    2. Metaphorical uses are helpful
    3. **ESC recommends adding as provisional candidate**

9. Parachute L2/18-003 http://www.unicode.org/L2/L2018/18003-parachute-emoji.pdf
    1. Stats look good. Covers new ground: nothing like parachute in current set
    2. **ESC recommends adding as provisional candidate**

Work in progress, not yet ready for UTC

The following are some of the topic areas where the ESC is actively working, but does not yet have a full proposal ready for the UTC.

1. Gender-neutral combinations
2. Accessibility
3. Color attributes with ZWJ sequences
4. Health & Hygiene
5. Emojification of additional hand characters
6. Clothing (inc. region-specific clothing around the world)
7. Additional proposals that came in too late for review for the Jan UTC