

## **Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set International Organization for Standardization**

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The current deadline for IRG member bodies to submit ideographs for inclusion in IRG Working Set 2020 is 2020-07-17. The latest IRG Recommendations—IRG N2410 for IRG #53—states in [Recommendation IRG M53.9](#) only that the target submission date for the next IRG working set is after IRG #54, which was canceled due to [COVID-19](#).

### **Proposal**

The Unicode Technical Committee (UTC) discussed the submission deadline for IRG Working Set 2020 during the UTC #163 meeting that took place on 2020-04-28 and 2020-05-01. In light of the worldwide COVID-19 situation, some IRG experts have expressed an inability to access the necessary references in their offices or libraries due to regional restrictions. As a result, the UTC hereby requests that the IRG Convenor postpone the IRG Working Set 2020 submission deadline by at least six months, meaning early 2021, and that it be redesignated as IRG Working Set **2021**.

Full attention can therefore be given to finalizing IRG Working Set 2017 for possible standardization in Unicode Version 14.0 whose release schedule was postponed by six months, from March 2021 to September 2021, also due to COVID-19.

That is all.