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Report of Yi ad hoc committee.

References: WG2 N 1814, WG2 N 1821

The Yi ad hoc committee met to resolve outstanding issues regarding the resolution of comments for the Yi PDAM (Amendment 14 - WG2 N 1774). Attending were Ken Whistler (U.S.), Michael Everson (Ireland), Chen Zhuang (China) and another member of the Chinese delegation.

The ad hoc decided:

1. Bburx 1990 will be used as the reference to determine the order of the overall table for Yi syllables. This accommodates Ireland's Technical comment 1, except that vowel initial syllables will be ordered ahead of b. Ireland accepts this as a resolution for T1. China agrees to this resolution. The U.S. concurs.

2. Ireland's Technical comment 2 has two parts. The first requests the addition of more radicals to the list of Yi radicals. This comment is rejected. The list of radicals will stay as shown in the PDAM text. Ireland acquiesces to this disposition and agrees that the question of any more radicals could be dealt with in the context of a possible future proposal, and not as part of this amendment.

3. The second part of Ireland's Technical comment 2 questions some of the names in the Yi Radicals list. This comment is accepted in principle. Doing so implicitly involves rejecting a part of the Chinese comments on the PDAM, since they were expressed simply as a complete list of names. The detailed disposition of this issue is as follows:

   A+87 The proposed Chinese name change is rejected. The name stays Yi RADICAL X
   A+8C7 The proposed Chinese name change is rejected. The name is changed instead to
   Yi RADICAL OP.

   Justification: The proposed names are not possible Yi syllables, and do not follow the
general principles by which the radical names were assigned.

   A+8B3: A+8C1, A+4C2, A+4C3 The ad hoc committee cannot determine the validity of these
   names. They also appear not to be valid Yi syllables, but the committee could not determine
   what the names should be. We invite the Chinese national body to provide clarification
   about the status of the names for these four characters. In the meantime, the names as
   they stand in the PDAM text can stand, pending further clarification.

Ireland agrees that this accommodates its comments in part two of T2. China concurs with the changes
for A+8B7 and A+8C7 and agrees to investigate the other radical names. The U.S. concurs with these
changes.