Ireland considers that it is a matter of urgency that the long arrow characters proposed in N2336 be encoded in ISO/IEC 10646. These characters have been recognized by the mathematical community as being common enough to warrant inclusion in the ISOAMSA standard entity set. They have a different semantics to the shorter arrows in addition to being stylistically different.

In order for the MathML standard to be completely mapped to this entity set, as it is intended to be a superset of it. This mapping cannot be achieved until the long arrows have been encoded in ISO/IEC 10646.