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The following are suggested changes to the "Principles and Procedures for Allocation of New Characters and Scripts," document N3102. The added wording is meant to help solicit greater feedback from the relevant user communities on script (and character) proposals.

1. SECTION A.1. Submitter's responsibilities

ADD the following text (in bold) below to text on page 11:

6. List of all parties consulted

Submitters are encouraged to provide the email id-s of the submitters as well as other experts who have been consulted to facilitate any clarification queries.

In an effort to be sure all significant stakeholders have been consulted, WG 2 requests submitters solicit feedback from other groups who use the proposed characters, and list these contacts.

2. SECTION Annex C: Work flow and stages of progression ADD the following text (in bold) below to text on page 19:

C.2 Stages of work

Any new proposal for addition of new characters will pass a number of stages from initial proposal to finalized publication. The stages are:

• Initial proposal

Note: National body review and user community feedback at this first stage are highly encouraged, in order to identify and work through potential problems (such as naming, character repertoire, order, etc.).

- Provisional acceptance
- Final acceptance (Bucket)
- Hold for ballot

This terminology indicates the stage of maturity of the proposal and the WG's confidence in the proposal.

Note: As part of the approval process, WG 2 should ensure various user communities who use the characters have been actively solicited for their feedback. In this way, consensus can been reached on the proposed characters. Last-minute controversies with stakeholders can jeopardize the approval process, so early contact and dialog with communities is highly recommended.