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With regard to document N4095 submitted by Japan, through the discussions in many meetings, the replies are as follows:

I. Problem: "Oracle Working Conference often fails to coordinate with the operation of the IRG meeting, thus it cannot be held together with IRG meeting".

Oracle Bone scripts are currently reviewed by the best experts, the average age of the experts is more than 70 years old, although they are delighted to devote their expertise to accomplish the cultural objective, it would be difficult for them to take long-distance flights due to their age, thus they are often unable to cooperate with IRG to participate in meetings held in different countries. However, we have held meetings with the experts to make discussions before the IRG meeting.

II. Oracle Bone scripts are different from modern Hanzi, it cannot be applied to the logic and methods of modern Hanzi, such as the member body requires the submission of the IDS property, but they cannot be disassembled by IDS.

III. IRG will soon call the 38th meeting; "Old Hanzi Meeting" has been proceeding since the 21th meeting. However, the review of Egyptian scripts and Oracle Bone scripts began almost at the same time, now the Egyptian scripts have been incorporated into UCS, but the review of the Old Hanzi has not yet been completed, which shows it is a rather time-consuming work. Therefore, it is recommended following the Egyptian job model, that the review meeting for the Old Hanzi working group will not convene until the completion of the job, and then the result will be directly submitted to WG2.

IV. Japan's proposal is well considerate and visionary, TCA are happy to see it become fact in the future-- separate Old Hanzi group from IRG, and could direct submit the collected Oracle Bone scripts to WG2.

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