

To: WG2 and Unicode Technical Committee

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The emoji ad hoc discussed concerns about the encoding of emoji, and how to improve relations between WG2 and UTC.

Jeremy Burge provided background on the Emoji Subcommittee's process, including the effort to provide a list of proposed emoji to WG2 for comment as early in the process as possible. He mentioned vendors' active participation in the Emoji Subcommittee and their perspective (such as, difficulty for users to be able to distinguish various emojis). Peter Constable relayed the comment that from the UTC's point of view, if a pictographic symbol is encoded, vendors may implement it as an emoji.

Concerns were raised on how to effectively make WG2 members' comments heard on emoji. Participants were asked to consider how to dialog better and improve the WG2 mailing list for discussion and communication, so balloting is not the only channel for emoji-related discussion.

The idea of developing a set of principles for encoding emoji was also discussed.