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Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set (UCS)

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Canada proposes that SC2 should create a separate working group to deal with the newly transferred project on ISO/IEC 14651 Ordering standard. In consequence Canada requests SC2 secretariat to send this proposal for an NB ballot, for responses to be gathered before the June 2004 plenary.

Canada believes that this project is a component that is complementary to coding. This component, related to all character sets, is nevertheless code-independent, and it could be better served by a new WG.

If the ordering standard has links with the Universal Character set because this one surveys all the characters of the world, it also has links with other coding schemes indeed.

It should be made clear that ordering is a component that is serving all coding schemes.

Ensuring that this project is dealt with by another WG will make this universal concern more visible and contribute to show to all stakeholders that the ordering issues are decoupled from coding (in particular from a single character set).

Canada confirms that it is willing to continue to hold the editorship of this project and would like SC2 to launch a call for the convenorship of a new WG. This convenorship could be taken by Canada or by another country if national bodies feel that it would better balance WG officers representation. The scope of the new working group would be "to develop and maintain the ISO/IEC 14651 Ordering Project and deal with issues concerning this international standard".

As SC2 already had WGs numbered from 1 though 8, this new WG should be its WG9, to make sure that it does not disturb its collective history.