The US national body is requesting to amend ISO/IEC 10646 to permanently reserve all code positions beyond Plane 17.

**Seventeen Planes restriction**
To improve the synchronization between the Unicode Standard and ISO/IEC 10646 and to make UTF-16 and UCS-4 equivalent in repertoire representation, the U.S. is asking to make all code positions in plane 11 (hexadecimal notation) and above permanently reserved, by doing the following changes:

- Remove the note part of Figure 1 (page 6) and the 2nd note part of Figure 2 (page 7)
- Make the 2nd note in Clause 7 (General requirements for the UCS) normative. It becomes requirement ‘b.’, pushing the following requirements to ‘c.’ and ‘d.’.
- Replace the text in sub-clause 9.2 (Other Planes reserved for future standardization) by the following:
  
  **Planes 11 to FF in Group 00 and all planes in any other groups (i.e. Planes 00 to FF in Groups 01 to 7F) are permanently reserved.**
  
  *Code positions in these planes do not have a mapping to the UTF-16 form (see Annex C).*
- Replace ‘character’ by ‘code position’ in annex D (UCS Transformation Format 8 (UTF-8)) when the UCS range description goes beyond plane 10.