

Title: Report from the Ad Hoc on Tangut
Source: Erkki I. Kolehmainen, appointed chair
Action: To be considered by WG2

Participants:

China: Chen Zhuang, Tai Chung Pui
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UK: John Knightley
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The UK and Ireland had voted NO on PDAM 6.2 for technical reasons related to Tangut, and Germany had voted NO based on the apparent disagreement. The US had strongly supported the encoding of Tangut in Amendment 6, and China had indicated support with some reservations.

In addition to N3515 (ballot comments), the Tangut issue had been addressed in N3338 (by China), N3297, N3297, N3307 and N3343 (by Richard Cook), N3448 (by UK), N3467 (by China and US), N3496 (by UK), N3498R (by Michael Everson and Andrew West), N3521 (by Richard Cook and Ken Lunde), and N3539 (by China).

It became evident that the encoding of Tangut could not be carried forward in Amendment 6, since this would be the last round for technical comments. Thus, the Ad Hoc recommends that Tangut be pulled out of 6 and included in the forthcoming 7 instead. The repertoire would remain the same, i.e., the unification issues and possibly missing characters would have to be dealt with in the forthcoming ballot comments and their resolution. To this end, China, Ireland, the UK and the US have agreed to come up with a common position before the next WG2 meeting. A resolution should be made to request these national bodies to work together for a documented common position on Tangut, and also to invite other interested national bodies to participate in this work. It is understood that if an agreed-upon position cannot be reached before the Dublin meeting, Tangut will be removed from Amendment 7.