The U.S. National Body is voting Yes with comments on the following SC2 ballot: SC2 N4052: Information technology -- Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set (UCS) -- AMENDMENT 7: Mandaic, Batak, Brahmi, Tangut, and other characters.

Technical Comments:

T.1. Kana
We request the addition of the character U+1B000 KATAKANA LETTER ARCHAIC E to be located in a new block Historic Kana, located from 1B000-1B0FF. This character was originally proposed in N3388 (L2/07-421) with the name KATAKANA LETTER ORIGINAL E. This character is needed by specialists who wish to discuss early Japanese orthography.

T.2. Unified Canadian Aboriginal Syllabics Extended
The U.S. recommends the characters be reordered as requested in N3563. The U.S. further recommends that these characters be moved to AMD 6, to consolidate all UCAS additions in a single Amendment.

T.3. Batak
The U.S. requests Batak be removed from Amendment 7, as there remain open questions about the repertoire. Two ornamental symbols, U+1BFA BATAK SYMBOL BINDU GODANG and U+1BFB BATAK SYMBOL BINDU PINARJOLMA, are graphic objects that do not belong in plain text in our opinion. The second issue concerns sets of dialect-specific shapes currently disunified; we believe these should be unified.

T.4. Tangut
The U.S. reaffirms its strong support for the inclusion of Tangut in amendment 6. A revised multi-column chart now includes data from a font from PRC. This proposal has had extensive review.