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Meeting memo of copyright ad hoc

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Discussion:

- Unicode consortium considers that the copyright on code chart of ISO/IEC 10646 it and should have its own control on it because the Unicode consortium creates the code chart using its resources.
- ISO's copyright policy is too strict for Unicode consortium to utilize the code chart as it do like other its documents.
- SC2 chair thinks code chart was created through ISO process and ISO has copyright on it.
- Code chart of ISO/IEC 10646 is a part of the standard. There is potential concern that normative reference to external cord chart might not appropriate especially because that might hinder the chance for ISO/IEC NBs to ballot on the Code chart.
- Maintaining two documents which are virtually identical is not reasonable and not efficient and it should be reduced.
- According to the note of reference 1 (see below), two synchronized independent documents should be exist. And, each document can have individual copyright notice.
- According to the section 3.2 of Reference 2 (see below) the Unicode consortium agreed to license its copyrighted products to ISO when necessary. So individual copyright may be agreeable but we believe the best solution might be for the code chart to have dual copyright.
- We need further discussion with ITTF.
- To change the publishing format and copyright notice of the code chart, agreement among SC2 member and approval from ITTF are required.

Reference1 : ISO/IEC JTC1 /SC2 N 2459 "Liaison Request from Unicode, Inc" , 1993-05-25

Note: Unicode, Inc. intends that the Unicode character repertoire and coding remain synchronized with future versions of 10646, as stated in the minutes of the Unicode Technical Committee meeting of November, 1991.

Reference 2: ISO/IEC JTC 1 N8136 "Request for Approval of the Unicode Consortium as an Approved RS Originator Organization (ARO)", 2006-05-05

3.2 Copyrights:

This section should address the following:

- A) What copyrights exist, and what copyrights is the ARO candidate willing to grant, throughout both the evaluation and the publication cycle, of specifications developed by the ARO candidate? **They have the copyright to The Unicode publications but are willing to license it to standards development organization when necessary.**
- B) Will the ARO candidate allow the text of the RS to be attached to a JTC 1 ballot as part of the ballot package for the referencing specification? **YES**