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To,
Dr. Deborah Anderson
President
Unicode Technical Committee

Reference: Supportive letter for Syloti Numerals L2/22-212

Dear Dr Deborah Anderson,

Honourable Madam and the rest of the members, as a Sylheti speaking person, would like to inform you that Sylheti (also spelled and pronounced as Syloti, Siloti, Sylhoti or Sylhety) has its own script as well as its own digits.

All of us are promoting the Sylheti language and script through this organisation and other organisations. Unfortunately, the Sylheti language is not recognised in Bangladesh and India, due to which it is not a medium of instruction in schools. The number of people who know the Sylheti script is very less as compared to the speakers of Sylheti.

Sylheti language education is mostly being done online and through social media. But we are compelled to use Bengali digits due to the absence of Sylheti digits in Unicode.

The author of the proposal Biswajit Mandal has been trying to encode the Sylheti (Syloti) digit for the last two years but so far without success.

We urge you now to accept the <u>Sylheti (Syloti) numerals</u> and encode it in <u>Unicode</u> as soon as possible. Failure to do so may result in the disappearance of the Sylheti (Syloti) digits in the future.

Thanking You

Yours truly

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