

**Re: Emoji Subcommittee Report for UTC #174 (2023Q1)**

**From: Jennifer Daniel on the behalf of the Emoji Subcommittee (ESC)**

**Date: 26 January 2023 (Revised)**

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## 1. Emoji 15.1 Recommendations (L2/23-037R) 🤖

With the delay of Unicode 16.0, our schedule for atomic emoji characters will slip ~6 months, effectively skipping 2023. However, it is possible to have a release with emoji ZWJ sequences. What follows are our recommendations derived from existing provisional emoji candidates and emoji added to larger lists:

### **Recommendations:**

**Consensus:** Accept ten (10) new emoji ZWJ sequences given in document L2/23-037R, and 108 directional emoji ZWJ sequences given in L2/23-030R, for Unicode Version 15.1 for a total of 118.

**Action Item for Ned Holbrook, ESC:** Add the 118 new emoji ZWJ sequences to the emoji-zwj-sequences.txt data file, based on document L2/23-037R and Section 1 of document L2/23-030R, for Unicode Version 15.1.

**Action Item for Ned Holbrook, EDC:** Update Sections 2.9 and 2.10 of UTS #51 to add the two (2) new color emoji ZWJ sequences and the 108 new directional emoji ZWJ sequences, respectively, based on document L2/23-037R and Section 1 of document L2/23-010R, for Unicode Version 15.1.

**Action Item for Rick McGowan, UTC:** Extend PRI #471, Proposed Update UTS #51, with a new closing date of 2023-04-04.

## 2. Public Feedback

PRI #471 (UTS #51): <https://www.unicode.org/review/pri471/feedback.html>

### 2.1 ISO 3166-1 code CQ

**Date/Time:** Thu Dec 29 11:03:42 CST 2022

**Name:** Nicholas Doiron

**Report Type:** Public Review Issue

**Opt Subject:** 471

Proposed Update to UTS #51 should include one addition to the "RGI

[recommended for general interchange] emoji flag sequence set".

In spring 2020, the ISO added a two-letter country-level region code for Sark: CQ

Emoji flags are subject to CLDR assigning the appropriate idStatus for a region subtag; a ticket [\[CLDR-16293\]](#) has been created for investigation.

### Recommendations:

**Action Item for Rick McGowan:** Thank the correspondent for their feedback of [Thu Dec 29 11:03:42 CST 2022] in PRI #471, and relay the ESC response in Section 2.1 of document L2/23-010.

### 2.2 Question regarding shortcodes:

[https://www.unicode.org/L2/L2023/23007-pubrev.html#Emoji\\_Feedback](https://www.unicode.org/L2/L2023/23007-pubrev.html#Emoji_Feedback)

**Date/Time:** Tue Jan 3 07:25:57 CST 2023

**Name:** Sneha Raman

**Report Type:** Other Question

**Opt Subject:** Emoji Inclusivity

Hello! We are Passion.io, and big on using Slack emojis for welcoming our new joiners, celebrating promotions, etc. However, in the spirit of diversity and inclusion, I would like to bring to your attention the terminology of the superhero emojis, and Slack mentioned that they pull the emojis from Unicode, and don't have control over naming:

:superhero: :skin-tone-4: - this is "superhero"

:female\_superhero : :skin-tone-3:- this is "female\_superhero"

We feel the first emoji can be termed male\_superhero, or name the second one "superheroine". It's 2023, and this is about being equal and inclusive. It's all in the details.

UTS #51 recommends that a character such as U+1F9B8 SUPERHERO be depicted in a gender-neutral way, as opposed to emoji ZWJ sequences for "man superhero" and "woman superhero". Similarly, ESC recommends any application creating emoji shortcodes default to a gender-neutral image.

### Recommendations:

**Action Item for Rick McGowan:** Thank the correspondent for their feedback of [Tue Jan 3 07:25:57 CST 2023] in document L2/23-007, and relay the ESC response in Section 2.2 of document L2/23-010.

### 3. Emoji for Unicode Version 16.0

The intake cycle for proposals for new emoji to be considered for Unicode Version 16.0 ended at the end of July 2022. The Unicode Consortium subsequently decided to postpone the release of Unicode Version 16.0 (see [L2/22-270](#)) until 2024. As a result, the Emoji Subcommittee will be temporarily delaying the intake of Unicode Version 17.0 proposals for new emoji until April 2024.