Re: ESR Report for UTC #183 (2025Q2)

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1. ESR Priorities L2/25-128

a. This document provides the UTC with an update on goals or potential changes to emoji intake processes.

2. Update: FAQ - "Redesigning" Emoji 🤔

The Q1 2025 report (<u>L2/25-008</u>) indicated an audit was underway to improve interoperability. We have embarked this work in phases focusing first on all categories with the exception of people emoji (2,924) and flags (269) which will come at a later time. A few highlights across participating vendors:

- Out of 1,873 emoji, 658 have meaningful consistency requiring no action
- Meta's emoji fonts (WhatsApp and FBM) have fallen behind in updates and as a result 276 emoji were identified as being the lone design outlier.
- There are 75 more emoji where one font design deviates from all other vendors (see Hamsa, below). Vendors are now aware and working through if and how these outliers can be fixed. Some emoji have already have been adjusted as a result of this audit, for example:

Hamsa Emoji (Before)					
Apple Color	Noto Color	Samsung One UI	WhatsApp	Microsoft	Facebook
Hamsa Emoji (After)					

The remaining emoji have less consensus and require more discussion. A few will likely get resolved with additional proposals to improve interoperability, such was the case with \bigcirc (L2/19-304) and \bigcirc (L2/16-313). These proposals will be part of our Q4 report and Emoji 18.0 update.