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Since the 22nd meeting of ISO/IRG in ChengDu, China, the Committee for Unification of Computer Chinese Character Encoding in Macao SAR has completed the following tasks, according to the arrangement of IRG editorial group:

By 15 June 2004, we have reviewed N1008R and N1066, and submitted our report to the Chief Editor. The report included more than 20 comments to the characters. Besides, we have observed that there are some potential conflicts between the unification rules of S1.5 and the exceptions of S3 in Annex S. Therefore, we suggested the Annex S should be amended to eliminate those issues.

We also submitted our comments to N1024 on 16 June 2004. In our comments, we suggested IRG should also consider adding those 22 characters, which submitted by Macao SAR in IRG#18 (IRG N894), into the proposed codes of N1024.

On 22 July 2004, we submitted the CJK C1 v3.0 stroke count review report (for pages 481 – 498) to the Chief Editor. We found that 11 characters have problems in their first stroke and/or stroke count information, and we suggested amendments as well.

We have completed the review of N1077 CJK C1 v3.2 (P. 478 – 496) and submitted the report on 14 October 2004. For the 22 characters submitted by Macao SAR in IRG#18, 19 of which are now in v3.2, and the other 3 characters are in D3.2 with

adjustments. Moreover, we have also reviewed the consolidated D3.2 comments and responded to the Chief Editor on 16 November 2004.

Internally, the Committee for Unification of Computer Chinese Character Encoding in Macao SAR has been working hard this year to implement a unification framework in Macao. On the basis of Big5 character set and HKSCS, we are now consolidating a Macao Supplementary Character Set (MSCS), which includes special characters in Macao (mainly are names of persons and places). In order to be complied with international standard in the future, we are going to adopt Unicode as the encoding standard when information exchange is needed among departments.

With the cooperation of all departments and related parties, we are sure that Macao SAR will successfully implement this in early next year.