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Suggestion to establish rule sharing document of large file size

It sometimes be a problem that IRG document of large file size could not be distributed online easily because of the limitation of upload size to the IRG web server or attachment size of sending/receiving e-mail. IRG usually uses USB memory to distribute such files during the meeting. This is an easy but a temporary way and the files won't be kept in a steady place. This cause a confusion that it is difficult for people who didn't join the meeting to get files or even to know such files exist. It will also be difficult for everyone to get such files in the future.

Japan suggests IRG to discuss on this issue and adding rule to document management in the IRG P&P. Japan is expecting if using iso10646hk.net FTP server will be a solution.

Proposal to IRG P&P:

Add the following to "6.1 c. Posting Documents"

> "All documents must be accessible on the IRG web site. In case the document cannot be posted on the IRG web site because of the technical reason, submitter or IRG document manager (i.e. IRG Rapporteur) should put the file on the other place where is accessible online, and the IRG document manager will put the link to the file on the IRG web site. IRG document manager should be responsible that all IRG documents are accessible online. Any inaccessible documents from the IRG web site are invalid."

Supplementary explanation

Recently the sizes of IRG documents are being increased, to include many images of the evidences and the snips of the code chart for the possibly unifiable characters. Because of their huge file sizes, sometimes USB flash memory or an external web storage services, like dropbox.com, are used for the temporal way.
But, it is not good idea for the IRG website to refer such external web services as a steady place. Most web storage services do not guarantee the reliability of their services, and the users should make the backup by themselves. For IRG members, it would not be so surprising to see a

possibility that someone is forced to search a record of the discussion in 10 years later. Future submissions with huge file sizes are expected to be stored in the steady place.