

## Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set International Organization for Standardization

**Doc Type:** ISO/IEC JTC1/SC2/WG2/IRG

**Title:** Proposal to postpone the deadline for IRG Working Set 2020 submissions

**Source:** Ken Lunde & The Unicode Technical Committee (UTC)

**Status:** For consideration by the IRG Convenor

**References:** [IRG N2410](#)

**Date:** 2020-05-11

The current deadline for IRG member bodies to submit ideographs for inclusion in IRG Working Set 2020 is 2020-07-17. The latest IRG Recommendations—IRG N2410 for IRG #53—states in [Recommendation IRG M53.9](#) only that the target submission date for the next IRG working set is after IRG #54, which was canceled due to [COVID-19](#).

### Proposal

The Unicode Technical Committee (UTC) discussed the submission deadline for IRG Working Set 2020 during the UTC #163 meeting that took place on 2020-04-28 and 2020-05-01. In light of the worldwide COVID-19 situation, some IRG experts have expressed an inability to access the necessary references in their offices or libraries due to regional restrictions. As a result, the UTC hereby requests that the IRG Convenor postpone the IRG Working Set 2020 submission deadline by at least six months, meaning early 2021, and that it be redesignated as IRG Working Set **2021**.

Full attention can therefore be given to finalizing IRG Working Set 2017 for possible standardization in Unicode Version 14.0 whose release schedule was postponed by six months, from March 2021 to September 2021, also due to COVID-19.

That is all.

## **SAT Feedback to “Proposal to postpone the deadline for IRG Working Set 2020 submissions” (IRGN2431)**

Date: 2020-06-15

We agree to postpone the submission date of the next working set to early 2021, considering COVID-19’s impact on our evidence acquisition.

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# **TCA Feedback to “Proposal to postpone the deadline for IRG Working Set 2020 submissions” (IRGN2431)**

Date: 2020-06-18

Because of COVID-19, and the cancellation of the IRG meeting No.54, we agree to delay the first submission of the next working set to early 2021.

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## LU, Qin [COMP]

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**From:** irgeditors-request@ml.comp.polyu.edu.hk on behalf of irgeditors@ml.comp.polyu.edu.hk  
**Sent:** Friday, 19 June 2020 5:58 AM  
**To:** irgeditors@ml.comp.polyu.edu.hk  
**Cc:** irg@ml.comp.polyu.edu.hk; csdxiong@comp.polyu.edu.hk  
**Subject:** Re: [irgeditors] Two important IRG documents for review and support

Dear Dr Lu,

I support the request to delay the submission of IRG WS 2017 to spring 2021 and to delay the first submission of IRG WS 2020 (change to IRG WS 2021).

Best wishes,

Andrew

On Thu, 11 Jun 2020 at 14:22, <irgeditors@ml.comp.polyu.edu.hk> wrote:

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> Dear IRG experts,  
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> I received two documents which need your urgent attention.  
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> 1. The first is a request from UTC(IRGN 2431 as attached) asking to delay the submission of IRG WS 2017 to spring 2021 and to delay the first submission of IRG WS 2020(change to IRG WS 2021). This is due to CoVID 2019 which made it difficult for IRG for face-to-face discussion and review. Besides, the review process in ISO/IEC JTC1/SC2/WG2 as well as Unicode work are also delayed according to their revised schedule. Currently, we still do not know if we will be able to have IRG Meeting No. 54, so I consider the request reasonable and would like to see consensus from this group.  
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> Actions required of IRG editors and experts: Indicate your agreement/objection(IRG editors) to this proposal in principle by Friday next week, 19 June, 2020. If you still want to keep the original schedule, please send your objection to me with rationales. Neil reply from experts(except IRG editors) is considered supportive of the proposal. Based on your feedback, I can then proceed with either issuing more elaborate discussion or to propose a new work schedule if there is no objection.  
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> 2. Macao government has finalized its Macao Supplementary Character  
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> Set(MSCS) for publication in June, 2020 as part of its e-government  
> initiatives to serve for information interchange in Macao and else  
> where. In this connection, MSAR government is requesting IRG(IRGN2430  
> attached here and 4 appendices with attribute data and mapping tables  
> on IRG 53 Website as they are too large for attachment:  
> <https://appsrv.cse.cuhk.edu.hk/~irg/irg/irg53/IRG53.htm> to (1)  
> review and accept 6 vertical extensions as UNC (urgent needed

> characters), (2) horizontal extension of 254 Chinese characters, and  
> (3) 67 IVSes registration with 64 base characters(required horizontal  
> extension is included in Item 2). The most urgent request is for the  
> review and acceptance of the 6 UNC characters. They are checked  
> against all published standards and IRG WS 2017. As 2 UNC characters  
> are in IRG WS  
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> 2017 as UTC submission, Macao has already ask UTC to review them. ISO/IEC project editor was also consulted for  
these requests.  
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> Actions required of IRG editors and experts: (1) review of the 6 UNC characters and provide your  
support/objection/tech comments by Friday next week, 19 June, 2020. (2) review and acceptance of horizontal  
extension and feedback for IVS registrations by Friday 26 June, 2020 if all possible. MSAR Government has already  
submitted its IVes list to Unicode for review and acceptance.  
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> All the files are also posted on IRG 53 website. I look forward to  
> your feedback,  
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> Lu Qin  
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> IRG Convenor  
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## LU, Qin [COMP]

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**From:** irgeditors-request@ml.comp.polyu.edu.hk on behalf of  
irgeditors@ml.comp.polyu.edu.hk  
**Sent:** Friday, 19 June 2020 8:05 AM  
**To:** irgeditors@ml.comp.polyu.edu.hk  
**Subject:** [irgeditors] [irg] China's comments: Two important IRG documents for review and support

Dear Convenor and everyone,

China supports IRGN2431 on deadline for IRG Working Set 2020 submissions.

China supports IRGN2430 and proposes to add one unification rule thus MC-00135 can be unified to U+8B67 謙.

Best regards,

Chen Zhuang

At 2020-06-16 15:09:35, irgeditors@ml.comp.polyu.edu.hk wrote:

>Dear Everyone,

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>Thank you very much for your input on this. Macao proposed this as a UNC because currently there is no such a unification rule. If there is no objection to adding a unification rule, Macao should consider this as a IVS registration. Let me hear any different opinion if any.

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>Best regards,

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>Lu Qin

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>-----Original Message-----

>From: irg-request@ml.comp.polyu.edu.hk <irg-request@ml.comp.polyu.edu.hk> On Behalf Of Andrew West

>Sent: Friday, 12 June 2020 10:45 PM

>To: Ken Lunde <ken.lunde@gmail.com>

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>Subject: Re: [irg] [irgeditors] Two important IRG documents for review and support

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>On Fri, 12 Jun 2020 at 15:14, Ken Lunde <ken.lunde@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> The second one, MC-00135, can probably be handled by registering an IVS in the MSARG IVD collection, as long as it is cognate with U+8B67 謙.

>> I think that this case falls under the modified unification rules that took effect from IRG Working Set 2017. Of course, this is merely a suggestion, and it would be useful for others to chime in on this particular case.

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>I very much agree with Ken that MC-00135 should be handled as an IVS of U+8B67 謙.

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>Andrew

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