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WG members should note that SC2 has been discussing the transfer of TC46/SC4 8-bit bibliographical standards to SC2.

On 1999-08-03 I sent the following to the SC2 mail explorer:

Dear SC2 colleagues:

Transfer of some of the TC46/SC4 bibliographic standards to JTC1/SC2 was agreed in principle at the last meeting of TC46 in Paris. However, a requirements was stated that JTC1/SC2 provide TC46/SC4 with a memorandum of understanding that JTC1/SC2 would not summarily withdraw the published standards, and in particular would specifically consult TC46/SC4 with regard to the library community's requirements for maintenance.

Is this satisfactory to everyone? (If it isn't, the library will NEVER be transferred to SC2.)

Uma provided the following feedback:

When it comes maintenance of existing standards, ISO and ISO/IEC JTC1 have procedures for PERIODIC REVIEW. The question is asked of the National Bodies and of SC2 to recommended to Reconfirm, Modify or Withdraw each standard. It is just up to SC2 – but JTC 1 NBs who will need to respond also. Presumably if the TC46/SC4 members in each NB keep in synch with their JTC 1 counterparts, things should be kept in SYNC and any apprehension on the part of TC46/SC4 that SC2 could do something against their needs could be alleviated. Remember SCs and TCs can disappear once their program of work is completed.

I think any MoU has to be between TC 46 and JTC 1 (delegated to the appropriate SCs). Just the maintenance of standards – i.e, a reconfirmation only – is NOT a valid PoW to keep any TC or SC alive – unless a revision is in progress.

If this character sets are transferred, it is likely that WG3 should be requested to steward them. At the Paris meeting of TC46 the convener of WG3, Evangelos Melagrakis, reported in the TC46 plenary that he believed that WG3 and SC2 would maintain and not withdraw the standards.

Below I have proposed text for the Memorandum of Understanding between TC46/SC2 and JTC1/SC2. Sally McCallum has said that it is a good basis.

I would like one of two things from WG3: either WG3 itself can adopt the text below and forward it to SC2 as its own recommendation, or WG3 can just give me advice and will do it myself.

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I [or WG3] recommend(s) that SC2 adopt the following resolution:

SC2 recognises the commitment which the Library community has made the UCS by the cessation TC46/SC4 has made with regard to development and augmentation of 7-bit Standards.

SC2 further appreciates the willingness of TC46/SC4 to transfer responsibility for existing ISO character set standards to SC2.

In order to assume the stability of the existing standards SC2 resolves to do the following:

1. SC2 will make no changes in the transferred standards without TC46/SC4 approval.
2. SC not withdraw any of these standards without TC46/SC4 approval. This means that at the Periodic review of each of these standards, TC46/SC4 will be specifically requested to provide a statement with regard to its position on the standard in question.
3. SC2 will ensure that upward compatibility with the UCS is provided with appropriate mappings acceptable to TC46/SC4.

SC2 resolves to delegate responsibility for the maintenance of these standards to its WG3.

SC2 invites TC46/SC4 to establish Category_____Liaison between the two committees, as it is clear that the Library community should be informed in the development of the UCS. SC2 further invites TC46/SC4 to send delegates regularly to SC2/WG2 meetings.