Latin GP Variant Working Group (WG)

Notes from the meeting on 5 October 2017

Meeting Attendees (in alphabetical order)

WG members:

- 1. Dennis Tanaka
- 2. Bill Jouris
- 3. Meikal Mumin
- 4. Michael Bauland
- 5. Mirjana Tasić

Staff:

- 6. Sarmad Hussain
- 7. Pitinan Kooarmornpatana

Meeting Notes

The WG discussed the following agenda:

- 1. Reviewing the slide for ICANN60. The WG agreed on the following edit:
 - a. On Page 1, the clarification of the scope of MSR-2 is put in the comment for presenter. The word "character" was replaced by "letter" to be consistent with the Principle document.
 - b. On page 2, samples were added for Virtually Identical and Orthographic Consideration cases. The WG was informed that for Normalization Exceptions case for Latin Script normalization is mostly taken care of in Unicode, therefore there it might not be directly relevant.
 - c. On Page 3, list of the variants would not be put in the slide, but it will be prepared for discussion with IP during F2F session.
 - d. On Page 4, no additional editing.

2. Reviewing the Variant Analysis Status.

a. Analysis Methodology.

The WG crated the Google Sheet and listed all MSR-2 Latin script code points for variant analysis with other scripts. Each code point will be indicated by the analysis result as '+' for Variant, '-' for No Variant, '#' for No Found Variant, and '*' for Unclear status.

Each code point will be analysed twice by different WG members. If two members indicated the same result, then the analysed result is 'confirmed', otherwise the status is set to 'challenge' which needs further discussion. The WG noted that the case of 'confirmed' with two '*' could happen and in such case the further discussion is needed.

b. Analysis Status.

All the code points have been processed for the first round. And some code points have been processed the second round. Dennis will manage to reassign the remaining list from Meikal among other members for the second-round analysis. The analysis is expected to be completed and will be used during the F2F session with the IP.

c. Additional Discussion.

It was agreed that some colour code for the discrepancy row should be defined as it would make it effective to communicate to other GPs. It was also suggested that adding another column for 'PVALID' could help with the analysis.

The WG was informed that Cyrillic LGR Proposal will enter the Public Comment process soon, before ICANN60, or soon afterwards. It was encouraged that Latin GP should respond to the Public Comment.

The WG discussed on solution for the case which a code point is not in the MSR as it is limited to Unicode 6.3.0, but there is a possibility to be included in a later version of Unicode. The WG was informed that, IAB requested not to go beyond the Unicode 6.3.0 until the normalization issues identified are resolved. Looking at complete Latin script may be too wide in scope and there is good motivation for IP for MSR-2 shortlisting. Thus, it was concluded that the WG should only use MSR-2 for current consideration. It may reanalyse any additional code points requested by the repertoire WG and agreed for inclusion by IP in MSR-3 in further phases.

Action Items

S. No.	Action Items	Owner
1	Edit the slide for ICANN 60 as discussed by the WG and finalized via mailing list by 6 Oct. 2017	DT
2	Reassign the remaining code points among members for the second-round analysis to be completed before ICANN60	DT, BJ, MB