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Comments regarding SC 2 N 3032

We reviewed SC2 N 3032, the reply from DPR of Korea regarding SC2 N 2998: comments about "DPRK Standard KPS 9566 - 97: Code of Korean Graphic Character Set for Information Interchange - Application number 202", and would like to make the following comments.

1. Multiple code positions for some syllables

1.1 We now understand that

- 1) the six pictorial syllables at code positions from 04/72 to 04/77 are "larger and bolder" than the ordinary syllables at code positions 17/14, 43/46, 26/34, and 28/19, and
- 2) that they desire to have one code position for one syllable to make output easier.

1.2 However, we are still somewhat concerned about the fact that each of two pictorial syllables are included twice. This multiplicity might cause a technical ambiguity.

- 1) Syllable 1h (GIM) appears in 4/72 and 4/75
- 2) Syllable @O (IL) appears in 4/73 and 4/77

1.3 A Suggested Solution

Assign only one code position for each of the two pictorial syllables, GIM and IL, leaving code positions 4/75 and 4/77 unused.

2. 65 Hangul letters

- 1) We now understand that those letters are not meant for making up syllables, but will be used only for independent letters.
- 2) For information: 240 Hangul letters at code positions 1100 - 11FF in ISO/IEC 10646 can be used both for making up syllables and for representing independent letters. However, syllable-initial and syllable-final letters are separately coded in ISO/IEC 10646.