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The Unicode Technical Committee and L2 wish to commend the IRG for the excellent work it has done on the Urgently Needed Character set, now Extension D.

We do, however, have concerns regarding the source information provided with the Extension D document. In order for Extension D to be included as part of an international standard, we feel that it is necessary to provide clear and complete source information in the form of a short summary of how to interpret the source data supplied in the Extension D document itself.

For example, this summary could state that U-source data refer to the character's index within UTR 45, with a URI indicating where UTR 45 can be found. It should not be necessary for readers of the proposal to consult the detailed evidence documents which IRG members have provided.

It will also be necessary to provide such a source summary before the proposal can be accepted as part of the Universal Character Set, because a source summary is needed as part of the documentation for the Universal Character Set itself.

In its current form, WG2 N3560 does not provide source information adequate to meet these needs, which makes it difficult for non-participants in IRG work to evaluate the repertoire and vote on the amendment. We strongly recommend that the IRG's editorial committee prepare such a source summary at IRG meeting 32.

Again, we thank the IRG for the overall quality of the current Extension D proposal and look hopefully forward to its inclusion in the Universal Character Set.