Irish comments on FCD ISO/IEC 10646-1/PDAM 27 (Syriac) Date: 1998-08-17

Q1: Ireland approves the PDAM registration.

Q2: Ireland approves the draft with the comments given below:

Technical:

1. Three characters

U+0D4B	MADDAH ABOVE
U+0D4C	HAMZA ABOVE
U+0D4D	HAMZA BELOW

should not be a part of the Syriac block, as they could also be used in conjunction with ARABIC characters. These characters should be encoded in one of the Arabic blocks, contiguously (together) or not. They should probably be renamed ARABIC MADDAH ABOVE and so forth. The characters should be moved to other positions in the FPDAM.

2. The names of three characters

U+0D0B	SYRIAC HARKLEAN OBELUS
U+0D0C	SYRIAC HARKLEAN METOBELOS
U+0D9D	SYRIAC HARKLEAN ASTERISCUS

should be verified. OBELUS does not appear in my Latin dictionary; if it is Greek, it should be OBELOS 'a spit, an obelisk' (cf. METOBELOS).

3. Entries for Annex B must be included in the FPDAM. These entries should be:

0711 SYRIAC LETTER SUPERSCRIPT ALAPH 0730 SYRIAC PTHAHA ABOVE 0731 SYRIAC PTHAHA BELOW 0732 SYRIAC PTHAHA DOTTED 0733 SYRIAC ZQAPHA ABOVE 0734 SYRIAC ZQAPHA BELOW 0735 SYRIAC ZQAPHA DOTTED 0736 SYRIAC RBASA ABOVE SYRIAC RBASA BELOW 0737 0738 SYRIAC ZLAMA HORIZONTAL 0739 SYRIAC ZLAMA ANGULAR 073A SYRIAC HBASA ABOVE 073B SYRIAC HBASA BELOW 073C SYRIAC HBASA-ESASA DOTTED 073D SYRIAC ESASA ABOVE 073E SYRIAC ESASA BELOW 073F SYRIAC RWAHA 0740 SYRIAC FEMININE DOT 0741 SYRIAC QUSHSHAYA 0742 SYRIAC RUKKAKHA 0743 SYRIAC TWO VERTICAL DOTS ABOVE 0744 SYRIAC TWO VERTICAL DOTS BELOW 0745 SYRIAC THREE DOTS ABOVE 0746 SYRIAC THREE DOTS BELOW 0747 SYRIAC OBLIQUE LINE ABOVE 0748 SYRIAC OBLIQUE LINE BELOW 0749 SYRIAC MUSIC 074A SYRIAC BARREKH 074B [ARABIC] MADDAH ABOVE 074C [ARABIC] HAMZA ABOVE 074D [ARABIC] HAMZA BELOW