

Comment on "A proposal to Revise a Part of Emoticons in PDAM 8" (Katsuhiko Ogata et al., N3711)

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The paper "Towards an encoding of symbol characters used as emoji" by the Irish and German NB (N3607) contained two Emoticons:

1F606 😐 EXPRESSIONLESS FACE

1F629 😏 DEADPAN FACE

During the discussion at the Dublin meeting (where the author of this comment attended as part of the German delegation), these symbols were unified to PDAM8:1F606 EXPRESSIONLESS FACE, using the glyph of N3607:1F629 DEADPAN FACE.

N3711, compiled by Japanese experts, however requests a glyph change for PDAM8:1F606 which shows angles instead of bold dots for the eyes, accompanied by a name change to UNAMUSED FACE:



If this change is accepted (which would be reasonable), the unification described before is no longer applicable.

Therefore, in this case, N3607:1F629 is to be reintroduced into PDAM8, continuing to use a glyph like shown in N3607. (In PDAM8, the code 1F629 is not assigned, thus the character can retain this assignment.)

The character N3607:1F629 is well known from questionnaires, where it occurs in a line with:

U+263A WHITE SMILING FACE

U+2639 WHITE FROWNING FACE

Therefore, also as the does no longer correspond to an Emoji, it is suggested to rename it:

1F629 WHITE NEUTRAL FACE

This line of characters is e.g. contained in the widespread Microsoft Wingdings font (see the following excerpt of "Webdings and Wingdings Symbol Collection: An analysis" by Asmus Freytag and Michael Everson, 2008-02-05, at <http://unicode.org/~asmus/web-wing-ding-ext.pdf>):

Faces

E029 😊 WHITE SMILING FACE

≡ 263A 😊 white smiling face

E02A 😐 WHITE NEUTRAL FACE

E02B 😏 WHITE FROWNING FACE

≡ 2639 😏 white frowning face