## Comments received for ISO 639-3 Change Request 2011-167

Outcome: Rejected

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Registration Authority decision on Change Request no. 2011-167: to changed the name for code element [afe] "Putukwam": Rejected

The request to change the name for code element [afe] "Putukwam" is rejected. The Registration Authority does not change names for code elements unless they are erroneous or are outsider names which demean the language community. When usage changes to a new preferred name, the name may be added as an additional reference name. When changing a name, the Registration Authority looks for evidence that the new name is used by the speakers of the language as their name for the language. The RA will not adopt a name newly coined by outsiders that has neither been adopted by the speakers of the language nor been well established in the literature. The requested name does not appear to meet either of these criteria. Therefore, the request to change the name of Putukwam is rejected.