

Comments received for  
ISO 639-3 Change Request  
2017-035

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Registration Authority decision on Change Request no. 2017-035: to create the code element [tok] for Toki Pona.

The request to create the code [tok] for Toki Pona is rejected. Given a rising number of requests for languages that have seemed marginal coupled with the fact that the text of the standard fails to identify criteria for determining whether a particular language would qualify for receiving a code within 639-3, the RA has been working on defining such criteria within the framework of the current TC 37 work item for revising standards in the ISO 639 family. There is now a draft statement on the 639-3 website to establish the criteria for recognition as a “full” language. This is being used for the first time in 2017 as a basis for decisions to create language codes. This statement was presented to the Technical Committee 37 / Subcommittee 2 of ISO at their meetings in June 2017, and they approved its use as part of the decision criteria. With respect to these criteria, Toki Pona does not appear to be used in a variety of domains nor for communication within a community which includes all ages. Therefore the current request for a code [tok] for Toki Pona has been rejected.