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**Abstract**

Two new code points were proposed in contribution m36979 [1] and adopted in the HEVC [2][3] specification. These two new code points allowed the definition of the non-constant luminance and constant luminance representations for any colour primaries and transfer characteristics, unlike previous practice where a corresponding code point for any new colour primaries had to be specified. In this contribution it is requested that this code points are also added in the ITU-T Rec. H.264/MPEG-4 AVC [4][5] specification.

# Proposal

During the 22nd JCTVC meeting, the general non-constant luminance and constant luminance representation systems [1] were adopted in the HEVC [2][3] specification. These code points permit the usage of matrix coefficients that can appropriately match the colour primaries that are used for a particular signal, thus potentially improving the characteristics and quality of the representation. This is done without having to explicitly define these matrix coefficients, as was done in the past. This can simplify and essentially future-proof this specifications, e.g. if new colour primaries are defined that need such representations.

In this contribution, it is requested that these code points are also added in the ITU-T Rec. H.264/MPEG-4 AVC [4][5] specification. The H.264/MPEG-4 AVC specification is expected to be used by a variety of applications in the near future, and thus having this capability is highly recommended.

We thus propose that these specs are appropriately amended. The current text that is provided in [7] should likely be used.

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