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Release Candidate 1 to Release Candidate 2

This document provides a markup version of the Mozilla Public License Release Candidate draft. Text with a ~~strikethrough~~ was present in MPL 2.0 Release Candidate 1 but removed in Release Candidate 2, while **bold** text has been added to RC 2. Footnotes state reasons for specific changes.

There are no major, substantive changes in this release. However, many people took the time to carefully read Release Candidate 1 and make careful suggestions; while several others raised thoughtful questions about sections they did not clearly understand. The changes in this revision result from these suggestions and questions- clarifying what was already present, rather than making significant changes. This includes several changes for consistency between different sections of the license, including Sections 1.1, 1.11, and 5. Similarly, questions from contributors led to further clarifications in a variety of places. Most notably, questions about the nature of compatibility with the Secondary Licenses led to the renaming of the defined term used in those sections and very minor textual changes. We hope this will make the functioning of those sections more clear and intuitive to readers.

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