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Abstract: This paper aims to explore procedures to be taken to harmonize languages' orthography without destroying or threatening the identity of the languages involved, that is, phuthi and siSwati. It also determines the principle to follow for the invention of the new graphemes of the harmonized orthographies. The findings of this paper reveal that, it is possible to harmonize the orthography of mutually intelligible languages; therefore, it is possible to harmonize the orthography of Tekela languages. The results also suggest two steps in the unification of orthography harmonization. The first procedure is - evaluation of the linguistic features such as - phonological and morphological features. The last step is the consideration of the economy of speech sound to avoid the imbalance or dominance in the orthographic invention.

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