

Comment lines may appear anywhere in the file, except after lines that end with a / character.

The first line of the file (file header) looks like a comment line, and may be interpreted or ignored by tools and scripts.

### 6.3 Page headers

A page header has the following format:

```
<page-name> <! page-vars>
```

Where *page-name* is the page name as described in Section 4.2. A complete list of page names in the order in which they must appear in any transliteration file is provided in Annex 1.

The dedicated comment `<! page-vars >`, which is specific for the page header, is used to set a number of one-character variables to a one-character value, for the entire page, as already described in Section 5.8. For example, the following dedicated comment:

```
<! $A=1 $B=b $C=C >
```

sets variable A to 1, variable B to b and variable C to C, for the present page. All variable definitions set for a previous page are reset at the start of a new page. Variable names must be upper case characters, but their values can also be lower case or numerical.

In addition, the value “@” may be assigned to some variables, which indicates that the page variable will be overruled by text tags (for which see also Section 5.8). More information about text tags is provided in Section 6.7.

The following variables are used in the transliteration files that are available via [R-4]. See also the annex in [R-2].

**Table 5: List of pre-defined page variables (also used for text tags)**

| Variable | Values      | Meaning   |
|----------|-------------|---|
| \$Q      | A – T       | Quire number, from 1 to 20. P (16) and R (18) are not used.               |
| \$P      | A – X       | Page number within quire. For the possible values, see Annex 1 and [R-2]. |
| \$F      | a-f , u-z   | Folio number within quire. For values see [R-2].                          |
| \$B      | 1-6         | Bifolio number within quire. Counted outside to inside.                   |
| \$I      | (see below) | Illustration type on this page (see below)                                |
|          | A           | Astronomical (excluding zodiac)   |
|          | B           | Biological  |
|          | C           | Cosmological  |
|          | H           | Herbal  |