Bits from the Release Team

Remember, remember...

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We always need help and volunteers used to our tools and procedures (or who want to learn)!
2 RC bugs
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Need to keep the release-critical bug count in testing manageable

New auto-removal tool for RC bugs:
- untouched for a while
- affecting unstable and testing
- in packages outside the “key” set

http://bugs.debian.org/release-critical/
3 Architectures
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Changes from wheezy:

- s390 was removed
- ia64 no longer blocks testing migration
- mips, mipsel and sparc warned
- future of kFreeBSD ports undecided

Possible new ports: arm64, mips64(el), ppc64(el)?
4 Urgency
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- affects delay between upload to unstable and migration to testing
- default changed from “low” (10 days) to “medium” (5 days)
- aims at decreasing the delta between unstable and testing
5 Freeze
Debian jessie will be frozen on the fifth of November, 2014

- the wheezy freeze was way too long
- we hope the auto-removals will give us a lower bug count by November...
- ... and thus give bug squashers an easier time at triaging issues
- maintainers can plan ahead and have their package in releasable shape early on
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- And keep filing the bugs you come across :)
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- [your idea here]
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▶ Specific topics: reportbug release.debian.org (binNMUs, transitions, unblock, proposed updates, ...)

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