To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Bill Leonard, CCC representative

Subject: Revision of 9.8.1.3, 9.9.1.3, 9.10.1.3, 9.11.1.3, 10.5.1.3, 11.3.1.3, 11.13.1.3, 16.2.2.4, 16.2.2.9.2, B.11 to eliminate use of abbreviations for places

CCC thanks BL for preparing this proposal and supports changes 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9 and 1.10. The impact of the elimination of appendix B.10 has been anticipated but it will involve significant effort in file maintenance. CCC stated its concerns about the elimination of B.10 in its 2012 response to ALA's revisions to 16.2.2, 6JSC/ALA/19/CCC-response.pdf.

> CCC refrains from agreeing completely with the removal of all place name abbreviations from Appendix B because we have practical concerns about legacy data. We recognize the use of abbreviations goes against RDA's general principles as well as posing additional difficulties for internationalization and we appreciate ALA's offer to write a proposal to delete the place names from appendix B. However, we think we should delay such a proposal until we are well established in RDA.

We note the following typographical errors:
1.2 The marked-up copy does not show the changes to Paris, France; the clean copy shows mark-up on Paris (France).
1.5 The marked-up copy should show Washington in parentheses: Jamestown (Washington).
1.7 Both the marked-up and clean copies contain the error: Puerto Rica.

CCC shares the concern mentioned in the ACOC response regarding the potential for double parentheses as a result of Change 2. The possibility of establishing the larger place name as a separate element as suggested in 6JSC/DNB/2 is very interesting and may provide an alternative solution.

It is regrettable to see punctuation practices such as the use of parentheses embedded in RDA for all place names because of a very few examples that could be confusing. There would be little point to go to the effort of changing existing access points, if it is indeed possible to reliably discern whether an access point represents a jurisdiction or a place.

CCC does not approve Change 2.