

To: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR
From: Deirdre Kiorgaard, ACOC representative
Subject: **Addition to “Other Agreements involving Jurisdictions”**

ACOC has consulted with Australian law librarians and has been advised that their preference would be to name treaties using their title proper or preferred title.

ACOC agrees with ALA that the RDA instructions on naming treaties should ideally be consistent with the general instructions on naming works, and that treaties should be discussed as part of the general discussion on naming works at the October 2007 JSC meeting. However, we note that, in order to fulfil RDA's Objectives and Principles, there will be times when an exception to the general instructions is justifiable because another principle comes into play, for example the need to reflect common practice, or to achieve internationalisation or cost efficiency. On these occasions we would like the principle behind the exception to be made clear in the instructions for the exception.

In relation to ALA's point 3: Although users may well seek treaties by the combination of signatory parties, the general topic, and an approximate date, ACOC does not consider this to be a reason to reject title entry. We note that ALA has not indicated that treaties are sought specifically by the first named party, but by all signatory parties, and we further note that these parties will be given access points in RDA.