To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Canadian Committee on Cataloguing

Subject: Consideration of proposals from the ISBD Review Group

CCC's recommendations on the ISBD Review Group proposals are below:

1. Removal of the following exception at ISBD 1.1.4.1.1 (AACR2 12.1B2): If the title of a serial or integrating resource appears on the source of information for the title proper in full as well as in the form of an acronym or initialism, choose the full form as the title proper.

CCC prefers to retain the exception. It provides explicit guidance regarding choice of title proper which is particularly valuable when dealing with serial publications. We also note that the ISSN Network has recommended that the exception be retained and we continue to support alignment whenever possible.

2. Address problem encountered for Chinese, Japanese, Korean titles when applying the rules for when to create a new description for serials based on changes in the title. Specifically, any change in the first five words (the first six words if the first word is an article) of a serial title is considered a major change (AACR2 21.2C2). This is difficult to apply to Chinese, Japanese and Korean titles given the difficulty of counting words in these languages and scripts.

CCC defers to the majority opinion of JSC members given our lack of experience in dealing with Chinese, Japanese and Korean scripts.