**To:** Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR

**From:** Canadian Committee on Cataloguing

**Subject:** **GMD/SMD Working Group: Proposal for Content and Carrier Terms in RDA**

CCC feels that significant progress has been made on the GMD/SMD discussion thanks to the GMD/SMD Working Group. CCC extends its appreciation to the members of the Group for all their hard work.

CCC supports:

- the general approach and display options which leave a lot of flexibility at the implementation level
- having a closed list for broad terms for content and carrier and an open list of "specific carrier" terms – good combination of structure and flexibility
- the pragmatic direction and underlying logic that can be explained

Other points raised:

- the need for clear definitions of terms used is essential, for example, in understanding the difference between "sound", "music recording" and "spoken word".
- some difficulty was expressed with some of the terms considered as broad carrier terms, such as digital, tactile and projected. What is currently being called broad carrier is too broad to be supported by the term "carrier". CCC, therefore, suggests referring to this list as "broad carrier/format, etc."

Specific comments from the ACMLA representative:

- 6.2: last example: "sheet" is not an acceptable term for a cartographic item
- Appendix A – definition of cartographic: suggest the following changes:

  A resource representing the whole or part of the Earth or any celestial body at any scale. Examples include two- and three-dimensional maps and plans or real of imaginary places; aeronautical, nautical, and celestial charts; atlases; globes; block diagrams; sections; remote-sensing images (including aerial photographs with a cartographic purpose); bird's-eye-views (map views). Formats vary (e.g. data files; tactile, manuscript, etc.).

- Appendix A would be more useful if specific terms were included. For cartographic, the recommended terms are:

  atlas

diagram

globe

map

model

profile

remote-sensing image

section

view