

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR

FROM: EURIG

SUBJECT: Proposed Revision of RDA 11.2.2.13–11.2.2.31 (Subordinate and Related Bodies)

EURIG recognizes the work of the much-needed simplification of rules governing subordinate and related bodies, coming from the experience of authority control choices. But merging the rules proves to be an artful work, so we would like to remark some information that seems to be missing. We also encourage, for internationalization purposes, to make general the rule applicable to US political parties and legislative committees.

Some instructions seem to be lost in the new arrangement. References to the rule *“If a council, etc., is subordinate to a particular district of the religious body, record it as a subdivision of the authorized access point representing that district (see [11.2.2.30 RDA](#)). If the name appears in more than one language, record the name in the official language of the district”* cannot be found.

In the new wording of Direct or indirect subdivision:

Unless instructed otherwise under [11.2.2.16–11.2.2.29](#), record the name of a body belonging to one or more of the types listed under [11.2.2.14](#) as a subdivision of the authorized access point representing the lowest organizational unit in the hierarchy that is recorded directly under its own name. [...]

this rule, as a general guideline (underlined) states that subordinates bodies are constructed as a subdivision of the lowest organizational unit. There is no reference indicating that administrative agencies are entered under jurisdiction (i.e., government), a statement that currently is in rule 11.2.2.19 (“Record the name of a government body as a subdivision of the authorized access point representing the government if it belongs to one or more of the types listed below”)

11.2.2.18.2 Ruling Executive Bodies, is, in the new wording, under *11.2.2.18 Government Officials*, which is not logic, being the former a proper corporate body, and the latter an official, a person.