

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Deirdre Kiorgaard, ACOC representative
Subject: Date of signing a treaty (6.29.1.33, 6.29.3.3)

Given that this issue has been raised, ACOC would prefer that the JSC took this opportunity to ensure that the instructions are made consistent. Inconsistencies in the instructions waste the time of the cataloguer while they inquire into the reason for the difference; inconsistencies in access points result in a confusing experience for the catalogue user.

Assuming that there is no rationale for the differences found in the current instructions, and that provision for just recording the year is needed, we would prefer to provide consistent instructions by making the following revisions:

6.20.3.3 Recording Date of Signing of a Treaty, Etc.

Record the date a treaty, etc., or a protocol to a treaty, etc., was signed applying the basic instructions given under [6.20.1](#). Record the date in the form: year, name of the month, number of the day or as many of these as are available.

EXAMPLE

1978 December 18

1948 March 25

1783 September 3

6.29.1.33 Additions to access points representing treaties, etc.

If the access point representing a single treaty is constructed using the name by which the treaty is known, add the date year, earlier date year, or earliest date year of signing (see [6.20.3](#)).

EXAMPLE

Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (1994 April 15)

Resource described: Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations / General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. — Spine title: Final texts of the GATT Uruguay Round agreements including the

Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization as signed on April 15, 1994, Marrakesh, Morocco. Signatories not listed in text nor found in reference sources consulted

6.29.3.3 Variant Access Points Representing Treaties, Etc.

Use the title for the treaty, etc., as the basis for a variant access point. Add to the title the date year, earlier date, or earliest date of signing of the treaty, etc (see [6.20.3](#)).

EXAMPLE

Protocol Amending the International Convention for the High Seas Fisheries of the North Pacific Ocean (1978 April 25)

Resource described: Protocol Amending the International Convention for the High Seas Fisheries of the North Pacific Ocean : message from the President of the United States transmitting the Protocol Amending the International Convention for the High Seas Fisheries of the North Pacific Ocean, together with related agreed minutes and two memoranda of understanding, signed at Tokyo, April 25, 1978. Signatories are the United States, Canada, and Japan. Authorized access point for the work: United States. Treaties, etc., 1952 May 9. Protocols, etc., 1978 April 25