To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

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Subject: Compilations of Works: Discussion paper

ACOC thanks EURIG for preparing this discussion paper on compilations of works. The discussion is firmly based within the context of the Final Report of the Working Group on Aggregates. EURIG desire to bring RDA into better alignment with the Report and seek revision of RDA to:

1. Enable users to clearly distinguish between identified compilations
2. Better describe the various works included within a compilation (giving institutions flexibility in defining their own policies around this)
3. Acknowledge the creative work of those who compile aggregating works (associating them with the Work rather than the Expression)

ACOC notes that the Proposed FRBR Amendment and Appendix B contained within the Report have not been formally accepted by the FRBR Review Group. Though discussion of the issues raised by EURIG is welcome, it may be premature to extend any detailed "report-based" revisions to RDA.

EURIG discuss changes required in 5 areas to help achieve their goal:

1. **Preferred title for a compilation**
This area of change addresses a lack of clarity around choosing the preferred name, and a lack of flexibility in how many of the titles for contained works can be recorded. ACOC have reservations about the first of these, as the discussion appears to be based on a misunderstanding of the current RDA instructions. EURG seem to think that RDA allows the use of a conventional collective title even when the resources embodying the compilation have a collective title; our reading of RDA is that a conventional collective title is only use if there is *not* a collective title in the resources embodying the compilation.

ACOC is more comfortable with EURIG's discussion of the second issue; it may be of benefit for libraries to set their own policies around how many of the titles for contained works are recorded separately, but variations between institutional policies could still result in a failure to create the level of individuation EURIG are seeking to accomplish.

2. **Variant title for a compilation**
ACOC has reservations here similar to those detailed in 1.

3. **Construction of the preferred access point**
ACOC has reservations here similar to those detailed in 4.

4. **Status of the compiler**
The changes proposed in 3 and 4 are based on the Report, and as noted earlier, given that the recommendations within it have not been formally adopted, it is in our view premature to suggest such changes to RDA.

5. **Description of the aggregated works**

This area of change is again based on the Report, and ACOC considers the discussion premature; the assertion that an aggregate is a manifestation has not been formally accepted.