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To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: EURIG

Subject: Compilations of Works: Discussion Paper. JSC Response

EURIG thanks Barbara Tillett and the JSC for their response to our discussion paper devoted to compilations of works.

EURIG considers it sensible to wait until a consolidated FR model is published before attempting to make changes to RDA's approach towards aggregating works and the status of editors in this context. While we acknowledge the points raised in JSC's reply, we would like to point out an inconsistency in it and, by extension, in RDA when it comes to constructing access points representing works that have to be differentiated. While RDA considers editors of compilations as associated with the expression level exclusively, they can still be used as a distinguishing characteristic for access points representing works if necessary. This apparent concession once again calls into question whether the status of editors in RDA is appropriate. While the practical impact should be limited (because other distinguishing characteristics are to be favoured and usually present), EURIG nevertheless feels this formal contradiction should be noted.