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To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Christine Frodl, DNB Representative

Subject: Representing language of expressions in RDA: Discussion Paper

DNB thanks EURIG for preparing this interesting Discussion paper.

We welcome the possibilities presented in this paper, but think that there might be also other approaches. Investment and benefits should be taken into consideration, especially regarding the translation aspect. To record the original language of a work might be reasonable in some cases. The approach presented in this paper might be useful for special libraries, but it should not be seen as mandatory.

We think it is not necessary to introduce new attributes; there are instructions for relationships to other expressions according to chapter 26. Therefore we suggest finding solutions within the relationship chapters of RDA and provide examples (see also ALA/Discussion/3).