

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

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Subject: **Place as an RDA entity**

CCC thanks the Places Working Group for their exploration of the treatment of place as an entity in RDA. CCC supports the direction of this discussion, as well as the future introduction of place as an entity upon implementation of changes resulting from the anticipated FRBR Library Reference Model.

The comments from the CCC on the discussion paper include the following, which we hope will be of assistance in future discussions.

Chapter 16 is currently about names (nomen) and potential changes would require careful consideration.

The scope of the future chapter 16 is not clearly defined, particularly in regards to the distinction between geographic areas, geographic features such as lakes, rivers, mountains, etc. (which one would expect to be within the scope of RDA since the development of chapter 23), and jurisdictions. The examples of names of governments, e.g., Soviet Union, are appropriate for chapter 11 not chapter 16.

We suggest that fictitious, mythical and imaginary places, virtual worlds and environments are all real *somethings* (res), but they are not places. How and where these concepts are accommodated within RDA may require the addition of a new chapter, as suggested in the CCC response to 6JSC/FictitiousWG/1.

Overall, CCC recommends not changing chapter 16 pending the impact of the Library Reference Model.