

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee

CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary

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Subject: Response to RSC/EEO/2025/1 - Proposal to revise Guidance: Aggregates and Guidance: Diachronic Works following from RSC/TechnicalWG/2024/2/rev/Decisions

NARDAC thanks the Education and Orientation Officer and the Technical Team Liaison Officers for this proposal.

NARDAC supports the proposal and has a few minor suggestions and comments.

1. NARDAC notes the omission of the word “required” under the section **Describing an aggregate**, 3rd paragraph (markup based on the clean copy from p. 4 of the proposal):

If at least one of the expressions or works that are aggregated is recorded, a well-formed metadata description set does not require the aggregating expression or work to be recorded.
2. We suggest that there may be some benefit to using an expanded form throughout this revision, “well-formed metadata description set of an aggregate ...” Throughout the instructions the term “description” has a target (“description of [something]”). It seems to be more consistent to always say a “description of [something]”, and “well-formed metadata description set of [something]” even if the section heading already has the context laid out. E.g.: “A well-formed metadata description set of an aggregate does not require all of the expressions or works that are embodied by an aggregate to be recorded.”