

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
From: Ahava Cohen, Europe representative
Subject: Formal response to RSC/ExamplesEditor/2026/3, Proposal to add condition options regarding preferred recording source in Data provenance: Recording a source of metadata that is a manifestation that is being described

EURIG thanks the Examples Editor for this proposal.

EURIG is still of the opinion that the lack of reference to preliminaries is not adequately compensated for by a general "source on the manifestation in which the information is most formally presented." In actual practice many cataloging agencies rank the preliminaries amongst the preferred sources; relegating these pages to a separate decision stream may lead agencies to consider preliminaries as part of the title page or as of no more importance than a one-off source within the text block. However, since this proposal is only about the condition option "Prefer the recording source on the manifestation in which the information is most formally presented" our formal response will be limited to that text.

Recommendation 1: Add a new condition option for the general condition (65.53.81.13) of the Data provenance: Recording a source of metadata that is a manifestation that is being described section.

Approve.

Recommendation 2: Add a new condition option for the early printed resource condition (20.89.89.54) of the Data provenance: Recording a source of metadata that is a manifestation that is being described section.

Approve.