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To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee  
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary  
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Subject: Formal response to the 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

### **Rationale**

The proposal provides useful flexibility in selecting the recording source by allowing cataloguers to prefer the source where information is most formally presented, without imposing a fixed order that may not suit all cultural and historical contexts. The proposal has minimal impact on current records, aligns with RDA's cataloguer judgement principles and leaves legacy metadata intact.

**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.**

I 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.**

I approve.