

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
From: Charlene Chou, WCEO
Subject: Formal response to RSC/NARDAC/2025/3, Inconsistency in the transcribed manifestation elements related to source of information

I appreciate NARDAC's efforts to identify this issue but agree with the Technical Working Group's suggestion that it may be an issue for the future String Encoding Schemes Working Group to consider.

Recommendation 1. The basic option to Use any source of information be added to all of the Manifestation transcription elements.

I disapprove.

Recommendation 2. Adding a first option under unstructured description to all of the manifestation transcription elements that directs the cataloger to the guidance chapter section [Data provenance: Recording a source of metadata that is a manifestation that is being described](#), which contains guidance on choosing the source of information for unstructured descriptions.

I disapprove.