To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee

CC: Anne Welsh, Secretary, RDA Steering Committee

From: Chris Holden, Technical Team Liaison Officer

Subject: Technical Working Group formal response to RSC/ExtentWG/2025/1: Proposal for Manifestation: **extent of manifestation** and Manifestation: **manifestation extent statement**

The Technical Working Group thanks the Extent Working Group for their hard work on this set of proposals. These proposals reflect an immense amount of effort and will go a long way toward improving how RDA tackles extent.

The entire package of proposals is robust and detailed, and some members of the Technical Working Group noted that it was difficult to get an overall picture of how all the proposed elements and changes will fit together. It may be necessary to review a draft of each full element page as it will exist in the Toolkit in order to fully understand the scope and coverage of the additions and changes. Some elements may necessitate additional instructions or options for the entire suite of proposals to be effective.

Recommendation 1: Recast the element Manifestation: **extent of manifestation** as a superelement that is used to record values constructed from values derived from its subelements in accordance with string encoding schemes.

Approve.

We recommend changing the proposed definition to match the definitions of other proposed elements in this set of proposals:

> A quantification or measurement of one or more physical characteristics of a manifestation

> Clean text: A quantification or measurement of one or more physical characteristics of a manifestation

We recommend the prerecording option on page 3 be changed to the following to match the other statement elements:

> Record an unstructured description using basic, normalized, or other transcription guidelines as a within a value of Manifestation: manifestation extent statement

> Clean text: Record an unstructured description using basic, normalized, or other transcription guidelines as a Manifestation: manifestation extent statement.

As a general comment, some members of the Technical Working Group asked for clarity as to which of the current guidance for Manifestation: **extent of manifestation** will be moved to Community Resources. This is also mentioned in our response to RSC/ExtentWG/2025/8.

Recommendation 2: Create the element Manifestation: **manifestation extent statement**, referencing each of the subelements of Manifestation: **extent of manifestation** as options to record a value. Update the RDA Toolkit guidance chapter for manifestation statements.

Approve.

We advise the recommendation to be changed for clarity to:

> Create the element Manifestation: **manifestation extent statement**, referencing each of the subelements of Manifestation: **extent of manifestation** in a scope note ~~as options to record a value~~. Update the RDA Toolkit guidance chapter for manifestation statements.

And a scope note be added to accompany the definition:

> A statement includes any or all of dimensions of container, extent of aggregated content, extent of embodied content, extent of storage space, extent of unit, extent of unitary structure, number of containers or sequence of units in extent.

The structure of this scope note matches that of the scope notes of other manifestation statement elements.