To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
From: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
Subject: Summary of formal responses to RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/5 – Proposal on soft-deprecated "note on" elements

This document collates in tabular form the responses received from voting members of the RSC to RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/5, *viz*:

- RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/5/ALyC
- RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/5/EOO
- RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/5/EURIG
- RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/5/ExamplesEditor
- RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/5/NARDAC
- RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/5/ORDAC
- RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/5/TranslationsTLO
- RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/5/WCEO

Recommendation 1	Approved by **3** : ALyC, TranslationsTLO and WCEO Approved with amendments by **5** : EOO, EURIG, Examples Editor, NARDAC, ORDAC	**Note 1:** Responses received from all **8** voting members of the RSC. **Note 2:** NARDAC provided feedback on the *Impact statements*. **Note 3:** Examples Editor suggests amendments to Recommendation 1.1. NARDAC agrees **Note 4:** EOO suggests adding an instruction in Prerecording in Recommendation 1.1. **Note 5:** EURIG asks the Examples Working Group to create examples for Recommendation 1.1. **Note 6:** Examples Editor suggests amendments to Recommendation 1.2. EURIG and NARDAC agree. **Note 7:** NARDAC suggests addition of

		alternate labels to Expression: note on content characteristic of expression. **Note 8:** NARDAC suggests adding instructions to Expression: details of cartographic content. **Note 9:** Examples Editor suggests amendments to Recommendation 1.3. NARDAC agrees. **Note 10:** Examples Editor suggests amendments to Recommendation 1.4. NARDAC agrees. **Note 11:** NARDAC recommends adding alternate labels to Item: note on modification of item. **Note 12:** ORDAC notes an error in Recommendation 1.5. **Note 13:** Examples Editor suggests amendments to Recommendation 1.6. EURIG, NARDAC and ORDAC agree. **Note 14:** Examples Editor suggests amendments to Recommendation 1.7. EURIG, NARDAC and ORDAC agree. **Note 15:** Examples Editor suggests amendments to Recommendation 1.8. NARDAC agrees.

		Note 16: NARDAC suggests adding alternate labels to Manifestation: note on statement associated with manifestation. **Note 17:** NARDAC suggests an amendment for consistency with other instructions. **Note 18:** NARDAC suggests adding an instruction to Manifestation: note on statement associated with manifestation. **Note 19:** Examples Editor suggests amendments to Recommendation 1.9. NARDAC agrees. **Note 20:** EURIG raises a query on non-physical aspects in Recommendation 1.9. **Note 21:** NARDAC suggests adding some alternate labels to Manifestation: note on physical characteristic of manifestation. **Note 22:** Examples Editor suggests amendments to Recommendation 1.10. NARDAC agrees. **Note 23:** Examples Editor suggests amendments to Recommendation 1.11. NARDAC agrees. **Note 24:** Examples Editor suggests amendments to

		Recommendation 1.12. NARDAC agrees. **Note 25:** Examples Editor suggests amendments to Recommendation 1.13. NARDAC agrees.
Recommendation 2	Approved by **6** : ALyC, EOO, EURIG, Examples Editor, TranslationsTLO and WCEO Approved with amendments by **2** : NARDAC and ORDAC	**Note 26:** NARDAC notes a typo in Recommendation 2.1. **Note 27:** NARDAC suggests removing instructions under *Prerecording* in Work: note on metadata work. **Note 28:** ORDAC makes a recommendation on Recommendation 2.3. **Note 29:** ORDAC suggests different wording for "monograph" in Recommendation 2.3. **Note 30:** NARDAC recommends adding an alternate label to Work: note on metadata work.
Recommendation 3	Approved by **8** : ALyC, EOO, EURIG, Examples Editor, NARDAC, ORDAC, TranslationsTLO and WCEO	

Note 1: Responses were received from all **8** voting members of the RSC.

Note 2: NARDAC stated that "several of our constituents felt that the *Impact* section did not adequately address the effect that proceeding with these proposals at the current time will have on implementation and training activities. Many institutions are actively developing training and preparing for implementation ahead of the retirement of the original RDA Toolkit on May 11, 2027. Changes to these "note on" elements may require revisions to training materials, policy statements, and other documentation. This may be particularly

significant for multilingual institutions that maintain these resources in more than one language."

Note 3: Examples Editor suggests amendments (with which NARDAC agrees) to make the wording more consistent with similar elements in RDA:

"Throughout the Toolkit, the wording used to define "Category of" elements is "A type to which an [element] belongs." For example, the definition and scope of Work: **category of work** is "A type to which a work belongs." Additionally, although most of these elements will be deprecated if the proposal is approved, current "Note on" elements use the wording "provides information on" rather than "provides information about." Text in the Toolkit also tends to use indefinite rather than definite articles (e.g., "an expression" rather than "the expression"). For the sake of consistency, I suggest the following revision to the definition and scope of the new element:

> *Marked-up copy:*
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> **Definition and scope:** A note on expression that provides information ~~about specific categories~~ on a type to which ~~the~~ an expression belongs.
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> *Clean copy:*
>
> **Definition and scope:** A note on expression that provides information on a type to which an expression belongs."

Note 4: EOO suggests adding an instruction in Prerecording in Recommendation 1.1 as follows:

> For clarity, consider adding an instruction in the "Prerecording" section to differentiate between the proposed element **Expression: note on category of expression** and the existing element **Expression: category of expression** (when recorded as unstructured description). Similarly, add a cross-reference in the "Prerecording" section of the element page for **Expression: category of expression.**

Note 5: EURIG asks "It may be helpful both to students and experienced catalogers if the Examples Working Group could attempt to create examples for the newly-introduced elements."

Note 6: Examples Editor approves and corrects a typo (with which EURIG and NARDAC agree) in the proposal as follows:

> *Marked-up copy:*
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> **Definition and scope:** A note on expression that provides information ~~about specific categories to which the~~ on an aspect of the content of an expression ~~belongs~~.
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> *Clean copy:*

Definition and scope: A note on expression that provides information on an aspect of the content of an expression.

Note 7: NARDAC suggests adding the alternate labels to the element Expression: **note on content characteristic of expression** as follows:

- details of cartographic content
- note on changes in content characteristics

Note 8: NARDAC suggests adding the following instructions under *Prerecording* (26.31.53.19) on the element page for Expression: **details of cartographic content** under the section *Cartographic content* on the element page for Expression: **note on content characteristic of expression**.

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Cartographic content

For instructions on recording technical details of the representation of cartographic content in digital form, see Manifestation: **digital representation of cartographic content**.

NARDAC states "This reference connecting the two elements will continue to be helpful to users of the Toolkit."

Note 9: Examples Editor suggests amendments as follows:

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Definition and scope: A note on expression that provides information ~~about~~ on an entity that is related to ~~the~~ an expression.

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Definition and scope: A note on expression that provides information on an entity that is related to an expression.

Note 10: Examples Editor suggests amendments (with which NARDAC agrees):

Marked-up copy:

Definition and scope: A note on item that provides information ~~about specific categories~~ on a type to which ~~the~~ an item belongs.

Clean copy:

Definition and scope: A note on item that provides information on a type to which an item belongs.

Note 11: NARDAC recommends adding the following alternate labels to the element Item: **note on modification of item**:

- modification of item
- note on dimensions of item
- note on extent of item

Note 12: ORDAC notes an error in Recommendation 1.5: "Broader element should be Item: note on item not Expression: note on expression."

Note 13: Examples Editor suggests amendments (with which EURIG, NARDAC and ORDAC agree):

Marked-up copy:

Definition and scope: A note on ~~expression~~ item that provides information ~~about~~ on an entity that is related to ~~the~~ an item.

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Definition and scope: A note on item that provides information on an entity that is related to an item.

Note 14: Examples Editor suggests amendments (with which EURIG, NARDAC and ORDAC agree):

Marked-up copy:

Definition and scope: A note on ~~item~~ manifestation that provides information ~~about specific categories~~ on a type to which ~~the~~ a manifestation belongs.

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Definition and scope: A note on manifestation that provides information on a type to which a manifestation belongs.

Note 15: Examples Editor suggests amendments (with which NARDAC agrees):

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Definition and scope: A note on manifestation that provides information ~~about~~ on a manifestation statement, or ~~about~~ on another statement element used to describe a manifestation.

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Definition and scope: A note on manifestation that provides information on a manifestation statement, or on another statement element used to describe a manifestation.

Note 16: NARDAC suggests adding the following alternate labels to the element Manifestation: **note on statement associated with manifestation**:

- note on copyright date
- note on distribution statement
- note on edition statement
- note on identifier for manifestation
- note on manufacture statement
- note on numbering of sequence
- note on production statement
- note on publication statement
- note on series statement
- note on statement of responsibility
- note on title

Note 17: NARDAC states, "We think it would be helpful for users to add some clarity around *statement elements*, perhaps with a separate definition in the glossary." They also suggest an amendment in in the section *Recording an unstructured description* for consistency with other elements (e.g. Manifestation: **title proper**):

Marked-up copy:

OPTION
Record details or other unstructured information.
~~For general guidance on unstructured descriptions, see Guidance: Recording methods.~~
~~**Recording an unstructured description**.~~

~~OPTION~~
~~Record details or other unstructured information~~

[…]

For general guidance on unstructured descriptions, see Guidance: Recording methods.
Recording an unstructured description.

Manifestation statements

Clean copy:

OPTION
Record details or other unstructured information.

[…]

For general guidance on unstructured descriptions, see Guidance: Recording methods. **Recording an unstructured description**.

Manifestation statements

Note 18: NARDAC suggests adding to the element page for Manifestation: **note on statement associated with manifestation** the instructions from Manifestation: **note on series statement**'s first option under *Recording an unstructured description* (31.03.54.75):

Clean copy only:

Series statement

OPTION
Record a note on information relating to series that is too complex to be recorded in Manifestation: **series statement**.

NARDAC also notes a typo on this page:

Under the section *Manifestations embodying integrating works*, delete the option to "Record details or other unstructured information." This option already appears under *Recording an unstructured description*.

Marked-up copy:

CONDITION
Changes have been numerous.

CONDITION OPTION
Record a general note.

~~OPTION~~
~~Record details or other unstructured information.~~

Clean copy:

CONDITION
Changes have been numerous.

CONDITION OPTION
Record a general note.

Note 19: Examples Editor suggests amendments (with which NARDAC agrees):

Marked-up copy:

Definition and scope: A note on manifestation that provides information on ~~the~~ a physical ~~characteristic~~ aspect of a manifestation.

Clean copy:

Definition and scope: A note on manifestation that provides information on ~~a~~ physical aspect of a manifestation.

Note 20: EURIG asks, "It is unclear if this recommendation is stating that only physical characteristics can be noted. Where can information about non-physical characteristics be noted?"

Note 21: NARDAC suggests adding the following alternate labels to the element Manifestation: **note on physical characteristic of manifestation**:

- note on carrier
- note on changes in carrier characteristics
- note on dimensions of manifestation
- note on extent of manifestation

Note 22: Examples Editor suggests amendments (with which NARDAC agrees):

Marked-up copy:

Definition and scope: A note on manifestation that provides information ~~about~~ on an entity that is related to ~~the~~ a manifestation.

Clean copy:

Definition and scope: A note on manifestation that provides information on an entity that is related to ~~a~~ manifestation.

Note 23: Examples Editor suggests amendments (with which NARDAC agrees):

Marked-up copy:

Definition and scope: A note on work that provides information ~~about specific categories~~ on a type to which ~~the~~ a work belongs.

Clean copy:

Definition and scope: A note on work that provides information on a type to which a work belongs.

Note 24: Examples Editor suggests amendments (with which NARDAC agrees):

Marked-up copy:

Definition and scope: A note on work that provides information on an aspect of the content of ~~the~~ a work.

Clean copy:

Definition and scope: A note on work that provides information on an aspect of the content of a work.

Note 25: Examples Editor suggests amendments (with which NARDAC agrees):

Marked-up copy:

Definition and scope: A note on work that provides information ~~about~~ on an entity that is related to ~~the~~ a work.

Clean copy:

Definition and scope: A note on work that provides information on an entity that is related to a work.

Note 26: NARDAC notes a typo in Recommendation 2.1:

Marked-up copy:

CONDITION OPTION
Consider the variation in value to indicate a new work. Record information about the change in value as a Work: **note on ~~change in~~ content characteristic of work**.

Clean copy:

CONDITION OPTION
Consider the variation in value to indicate a new work. Record information about the change in value as a Work: **note on content characteristic of work**.

Note 27: NARDAC suggests removing the instructions under *Prerecording* in Work: **note on metadata work**.

Marked-up copy:

~~When a metadata work describes an *online resource*, this element can also include the date on which the manifestation was viewed to record the metadata work.~~

Clean copy:

When a metadata work describes an *online resource*, this element can also include the date on which the manifestation was viewed to record the metadata work.

NARDAC states this is because "this guidance is repeated in the section *Date of viewing an online resource*":

OPTION

For an *online resource*, record a note identifying the date on which the manifestation was viewed for a description in a metadata work.

Note 28: ORDAC makes the following recommendation on Recommendation 2.3:

> "We recommend allowing users to also record the "date an online resource was viewed" when the online resource is a source of information for a metadata work describing an RDA entity (such as a Person, Corporate body, Work or Expression). This would be very useful for descriptive staff who are recording data provenance during authority work."

Note 29: ORDAC suggests different wording for a new heading RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/5 suggests adding.

RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/5 suggests the addition of:

> ***Issue or part used as the basis for the identification of a multiple unit monograph or serial***
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> CONDITION
> The metadata work describing a manifestation of a diachronic work is based on an issue or part other than the first and/or last.
>
> > CONDITION OPTION
> > Record a note identifying the issue or part used as the basis for the metadata work.

ORDAC suggests the heading should instead be:

> *Marked-up copy:*
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> ***Issue or part used as the basis for the identification of a multiple unit ~~monograph~~ resource or serial work***
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> *Clean copy:*
>
> ***Issue or part used as the basis for the identification of a multiple unit resource or serial work***

Similarly, RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/5 suggests the addition of:

> ***Multiple unit monographs***
>
> OPTION

Record a note identifying the part of a multiple unit monograph on which the identification of the manifestation is based and/or its number or publication date, as appropriate.

CONDITION
Two or more parts have been consulted.

CONDITION OPTION
Record a separate note identifying the latest part consulted in making the description.
Iteration used as the basis for the identification of manifestations of integrating works.

OPTION
Record a note identifying the latest iteration of a manifestation of an integrating work consulted in preparing the description in a metadata work.

ORDAC suggests the heading and first option should instead be:

Marked-up copy:

Multiple unit ~~monographs~~ resources

OPTION
Record a note identifying the part of a multiple unit ~~monograph~~ manifestation on which the identification of the manifestation is based and/or its number or publication date, as appropriate.

Clean copy:

Multiple unit resources

OPTION
Record a note identifying the part of a multiple unit manifestation on which the identification of the manifestation is based and/or its number or publication date, as appropriate.

Note 30: NARDAC recommends adding an alternate label to Work: note on metadata work:

- note on issue or part of iteration used as basis for identification of manifestation