To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
From: Szabolcs Dancs, Translations Team Liaison Officer
Subject: Formal response to RSC/TechnicalWG/2026/6/, Soft-deprecated parallel elements

General remarks
Many thanks to Technical Working Group for the work on this proposal.

Given that parallel elements are still (and will presumably continue to be) used by a wide range of user communities, and given that internationalisation also entails compliance with ISBD Consolidated Edition, I found the deprecation of these elements problematic and would instead support their incorporation into the RDA element set in a way that ensures the necessary flexibility for the cataloguers.

Recommendation 1: Fully deprecate the currently soft-deprecated "parallel" elements as set out in detail at Recommendations 1.1-1.28.

I reject.

Recommendation 2: Remove the *Alignment from soft-deprecated to recommended elements* from the Registry and publish *Alignment from deprecated to recommended elements* in its place.

I reject.