To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee

CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary

From: Honor Moody, RDA Examples Editor

Subject: Formal response to RSC/LanguagesWG/2023/1, Preferred names and official languages of corporate bodies, governments, and places in RDA

**Recommendation 1:** For Corporate body: preferred name of corporate body, amend the text to delete some conditions.

Approve.

**Recommendation 2:** For Corporate body: category of corporate body, amend the text to add a condition option.

Approve.

**Recommendation 3:** For Corporate body: category of government, amend the text to add a condition option.

Approve.

**Recommendation 4:** For Place: preferred name of place, amend the text under Language to

a. Delete the first condition and condition option to reduce redundancy
b. Add more conditions and condition options to make the instructions more explicit
c. Revise the wording of some conditions options to improve consistency and clarity.
d. Combine the last two conditions into a more general one

Approve, with comment.

In practice, the final condition option, “Record the form of name that appears most frequently in sources in a language preferred by the agent who creates the data” allows agents creating metadata to use exonyms that may be offensive to the inhabitants of a place, introducing bias into resource description.