To: **Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA**

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Subject: **Referential relationships: RDA Chapter 24-28 and Appendix J. UK Response.**

The British Library and CILIP thank ALA for the proposed revisions, which were discussed by the CILIP/BL Committee on RDA. We do not agree with the proposal.

General comments

We support the intention to make the range of relationships between entities more explicit. The scope of the proposal is limited to WEMI entities, whereas any entity may be related to any other entity. We recommend a more generalized approach.

In its present form the proposal violates models and principles underlying RDA. In particular, the proposal for a new element, Location within Resource, mandates the aggregation of attributes belonging to different WEMI entities. This is not acceptable.

Comments on specific changes

Change #1: Chapter 24.0-24.4 revisions:

- Update 24.0, Scope, to accommodate new 24.7, *Location within Resource*

Disagree. Extending the scope of the relationships does not mandate aggregation of attributes belonging to different entities.

- Expand definition of "related [WEMI]" to allow for relationships at any WEMI level.
- Update 24.4, *Recording Relationships between Works, Expressions, Manifestations, and Items*, to add a reference to new 24.7

We accept the need to generalize relationships, but any entity may be related to any other entity, therefore a higher level approach may be better. We note that if these changes were to be implemented, the parenthetical examples should also be revised to match the scope.

Change #2: Add 24.7, Location within Resource

- Add new instruction at 24.7
- Renumber subsequent instructions (current 24.7 and 24.8)
- Update references to renumbered instructions

Disagree. Extending the scope of the relationships does not mandate aggregation of attributes belonging to different entities.

Change #3: Chapter 25 revisions

- Expand scope so that a related work may be related to any WEMI level
- Add example to support new relationship designators (see Change #7)

We accept the need to generalize relationships, but any entity may be related to any other entity, therefore a higher level approach may be better. We note that if these changes were to be implemented, the parenthetical examples should also be revised to match the scope.

Change #4: Chapter 26 revisions

- Expand scope so that a related expression may be related to any WEMI level
- Add examples to support new relationship designators (see Change #7)

We accept the need to generalize relationships, but any entity may be related to any other entity, therefore a higher level approach may be better. We note that if these changes were to be implemented, the parenthetical examples should also be revised to match the scope.

Change #5: Chapter 27 revisions

- Expand scope so that a related manifestation may be related to any WEMI level

We accept the need to generalize relationships, but any entity may be related to any other entity, therefore a higher level approach may be better. We note that if these changes were to be implemented, the parenthetical examples should also be revised to match the scope.

- Add new instruction 27.2, *Explanation of Relationship*, to parallel similar section in 25.2

Agree in principle.

- Add examples to support new relationship designators (see Change #7)

Change #6: Chapter 28 revisions

- Expand scope so that a related item may be related to any WEMI level

We accept the need to generalize relationships, but any entity may be related to any other entity, therefore a higher level approach may be better. We note that if these changes were to be implemented, the parenthetical examples should also be revised to match the scope.

- Add new instruction 28.2, *Explanation of Relationship*, to parallel similar section in 25.2

Agree in principle.

Change #7: Appendix J revisions

- Add new relationship designators for referential relationships in J.2.3, J.3.3, J.4.3, and J.5.3, to replace the placeholder text

Disagree. Referential work relationships are in a subject relationship with the related resource and it has already been accepted that subject relationship only applies to works.

Change #8: Glossary

- Add new definition, *location within resource*

Disagree.

- Revise definitions for *related [WEMI]*