

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Gordon Dunsire, CILIP Representative

Subject: Revision of RDA 6.21 (Other distinguishing characteristics of a legal work) and 6.29.1.33 (Additions to access points representing treaties, etc.)

CILIP thanks ALA for its proposed revision.

CILIP agrees in principle with the proposal.

CILIP asks if there is a reason why the whole of the title proper, as well as “a word or words from the title proper” is not included in the revision. Unless there is a reason not to do so, CILIP proposes that the revision accommodates the title proper itself. This would provide for re-use of the core element Title Proper as a component of the core element Other Distinguishing Characteristic of a Legal Work.

CILIP also notes that the phrase “word or words” is currently used in RDA only with reference to the first or initial words of a transcription from a source of information. This maintains consistency, whereas the proposed wording may lead to less consistency.