To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Kevin Marsh, ACOC Representative

Subject: Proposed revision to Appendix B.1 General Guideline to explicitly include the usage of units of measure expressed as symbols

ACOC thanks CCC for this proposal to explicitly include the usage of units of measure expressed as symbols. We support the proposal.

We note the proposal refers to advancing the internationalization of RDA. However, it is not clear how the use of in-house guidelines could achieve this aim. If the in-house guidelines are based on standards such as ISO 80000-3:2006 Quantities and Units – Part 3: Space and Time it might be better to refer to that standard as an alternative in the relevant instruction.

As well as the mention of symbols in this proposed revision, metric symbols of measurement are referred to in the Appendix at B.5.1 and B.5.2. Therefore we would prefer that the Appendix be renamed ‘Abbreviations and symbols’ to make it clear that symbols are covered by this Appendix.