To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA  
From: Gordon Dunsire, Chair, JSC  
Subject: Terms of reference for the JSC Technical Working Group  

General terms of reference  
The JSC Technical Working Group will conduct its business within the general terms of reference for JSC Working Groups.  

Background  
The JSC develops RDA: Resource Description and Access for international use with the range of encoding schemes typically employed in library and related applications. The underlying domain model is based on the FRBR and FRAD conceptual models. The RDA element analysis is related to the metadata models of the Dublin Core Abstract Model and the \textless indecs\textgreater Metadata Framework.  

Metadata produced using RDA must be well-formed and able to meet the needs of applications operating in a variety of implementation scenarios. The number of RDA applications is increasing as a result of the success of RDA, requiring the JSC to further develop the substructures between the underlying models and functional requirements of RDA.  

The technical standards environment of RDA is also developing, and the JSC needs to monitor potential impact of changes.  

The JSC decided at its meeting in November 2013 to implement a Working Group to carry out tasks related to these issues.  

Charge (duties and responsibilities)  
The Group is charged to:  
  - Assist the JSC in developing RDA in technical areas such as models, structures, and standards.