

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

From: Bill Leonard, CCC representative

Subject: Major and minor title changes for serials in languages which do not divide text into words: proposal for new wordings and instructions

CCC thanks the International ISSN Centre for submitting this proposal which emerged after discussions of its previous discussion paper 6JSC/ISSN/2. CCC recognizes the text included in the proposal as extracts from the new ISSN Manual and follows the numbering and style of that manual. Effort will be required to translate this text into a proposal for changes to the text of RDA, because it will not be possible to simply insert the text from the ISSN Manual into RDA. CCC supports the intention of this discussion paper and looks forward to a future proposal which outlines the specific changes to RDA required to implement the equivalent in RDA.

We note that the word “significant” is used in Minor Changes d) but nowhere else. We suggest the removal of “significant” in the future proposal.

In Minor Changes f) it might be useful to try to clarify what is meant by “when applicable.”

The term “component” is used to refer to visible units in ideographic languages. It would be desirable to include a proposed definition for this usage of the word “component” in the future proposal.