

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

FROM: Alan Danskin, British Library representative to JSC

SUBJECT: Court and Jurisdiction in RDA

The British Library thanks the Technical Working Group for tackling this issue. We support the recommendations.

Recommendation 1

We accept that a clear definition of jurisdiction is required; limiting it to "Place" is justified, but there is work to be done in defining terms for corporate bodies that exercise jurisdiction. "Political Body" is both too generic, as many political bodies do not exercise jurisdiction, and too narrow, as not all corporate bodies that exercise jurisdiction could be considered to be "political". We agree that "ecclesiastical body" is not generic enough!

Recommendations 2-5 Agree

Recommendation 6 See comments on 1 above.

We note that this will have considerable implications for the declaration of these elements in the RDA Registry.