

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
From: Ahava Cohen, Europe representative
Subject: Formal response to RSC/PlacesWG/2023/2 – Revision of Corporate Body:
jurisdiction governed and Place: jurisdiction governed of

EURIG approves the recommendations of the Places Working Group.

In terms of formatting it seems that there are really either two recommendations (change two labels and change two definitions) or four (change each of the two labels and change each of the two definitions). The logic of breaking the proposal down into three recommendations was difficult to understand. We would also have liked to see the dependencies of each recommendation on acceptance of the recommendation before be made explicit in the general information on the proposal.

The impact consideration section states that there is no evidence the Official Toolkit element has come into use. It is unclear how the Working Group came to this determination as there are no accepted metrics for gathering this sort of information across the globe. If future proposals from Working Groups and RDA communities wish to use such impact statements, it may be time for the RSC to consider how to gather use statistics. The LC online catalog search cited at the end of the Impact statement is a much more solid metric than the generalized statement at the start of the Impact statement.

Recommendation 1

Approve.

It should be noted that although the label "Place: place governed of" is proposed as a replacement for "Place: jurisdiction governed of" (meaning that the preposition has not changed), the Registry definition uses the preposition 'by,' which seems more grammatically correct.

Recommendation 2

Approve.

We appreciate the change which allows for governance not based solely on laws formulated by governments but gives scope to other forms of received authority, such as religious corporate bodies.

Recommendation 3

Approve.