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To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
From: Damian Iseminger, RSC Technical Team Liaison Officer
Subject: Formal response to RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/2, Proposal to Revise Name of Corporate Body

The Technical Working Group thanks the Religions Working Group for the proposal. The working group approves of all the recommendations.

The Technical Team Liaison Officer received an inquiry from the chair of the Religions Working Group about whether a glossary definition of “real name” and “official name” was required, due to a comment on page 3 of the NARDAC response to RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/1, which would apply to Recommendation 2 in RSC/ReligionsWG/2024/2:

The second line of the condition, “A corporate body has a real or official name and a conventional name.” seems strange (aren’t all names real?).

It is an established policy for RDA that concepts with an understood and well-established meaning and terminology do not need to be defined in the RDA Glossary. Real or official names are commonly understood to be the name used for legal or official purposes, and which may be, and often are, different from a name used in day-to-day interactions or found on an information resource.