

BACKGROUND: Before the adoption of AACR2 in 1981, many individual treaties and concordats were established in the subject authority file when they were needed as subject headings. Since 1981, only treaties or concordats established in AACR2 form in the name authority file may be validly assigned as subject headings. Most pre-AACR2 treaty headings have already been deleted from the subject authority file. Remaining headings of this type are cancelled as they are encountered, and are re-established in the name authority file.

1. Texts of treaties.

a. General (non-topical) collections. Assign the appropriate general form heading, for example, **Treaties–Collections; Peace treaties; [place]–Foreign relations–Treaties.**

b. Topical collections.

(1) Topical headings. Assign the appropriate topical heading(s), for example, **Environmental law, International; Chemical warfare (International law); Postal conventions; Commercial treaties; Sex discrimination against women–Law and legislation; Choctaw Indians–Treaties; World War, 1939-1945–Treaties.**

Note: The subdivision –Treaties is used only under names of ethnic groups, under names of wars, and under Catholic Church–Foreign relations and headings of the type [place]–Foreign relations. It is not used as a further subdivision after headings of the type [place]–Foreign relations – [place].

Examples:

Title: Labour law ratified conventions.
650 #0 \$a Labor laws and legislation,
International.

Title: Treaties between the Potawatomi tribe of Indians and the United States of America, 1789-1867.
650 #0 \$a Potawatomi Indians \$v Treaties.

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1. Texts of treaties.

b. Topical collections. (Continued)

(2) **Geographic subdivision.** If the purpose of the collection is to present the treaties to which a particular country is a party, assign a general heading, without local subdivision, to bring out the international aspect, and assign the same heading with local subdivision to bring out the country (except for collections of commercial treaties, for which the heading [*country*]-**Commercial treaties** is used as the second heading). *Example:*

*Title: United States treaties and other international agreements
pertaining to telecommunications.*

650 #0 \$a Telecommunication \$x Law and
legislation.

650 #0 \$a Telecommunication \$x Law and
legislation \$z United States.

Exception: If the collection is limited to only two countries, omit the general heading, and bring out both countries using local subdivision.

Example:

*Title: Trade in cotton textiles : agreements between the
United States and Poland.*

650 #0 \$a Cotton textiles \$x Law and
legislation \$z United States.

650 #0 \$a Cotton textiles \$x Law and
legislation \$z Poland.

c. Individual treaties.

(1) **General rule.** Assign the appropriate topical heading(s) using the same types of headings as for topical collections.

Do not assign the heading for the name of the treaty itself to a work that consists solely of the text of the treaty.

1. *Texts of treaties.*

c. *Individual treaties.*

(1) *General rule. (Continued)*

Examples:

Title: Treaty to resolve pending boundary differences ... between the United States and Mexico, signed at Mexico Nov. 12, 1970.

651 #0 \$a United States \$x Boundaries \$z Mexico.
651 #0 \$a Mexico \$x Boundaries \$z United States.

Title: Treaty of peace with Turkey.

650 #0 \$a World War, 1914-1918 \$x Territorial questions \$z Armenia.

650 #0 \$a World War, 1914-1918 \$x Territorial questions \$z Turkey.

Title: The Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty, March 26, 1979.

650 #0 \$a Israel-Arab War, 1973 \$x Peace.

Title: International coffee agreement, 1976.

650 #0 \$a Coffee \$x Law and legislation.

(2) *Bilateral treaties.* In the case of individual bilateral agreements, assign duplicate headings to bring out each party, and omit the unsubdivided general heading. *Example:*

Title: Air transport services; agreement between the United States of America and Brazil.

650 #0 \$a Aeronautics, Commercial \$x Law and legislation \$z United States.

650 #0 \$a Aeronautics, Commercial \$x Law and legislation \$z Brazil.

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2. Works about treaties.

a. Collective. To works that discuss various treaties to which a region or country is a party, assign the heading **[place]–Foreign relations–Treaties** or **[place]–Commercial treaties**, as well as other topical headings appropriate to the work. *Examples:*

Title: Theory, law, and policy of contemporary Japanese treaties.
651 #0 \$a Japan \$x Foreign relations \$y 1945–1989
\$x Treaties.

Title: The long pretense: Soviet treaty diplomacy from Lenin to Gorbachev.
651 #0 \$a Soviet Union \$x Foreign relations
\$x Treaties.
651 #0 \$a Soviet Union \$x Foreign relations \$z United
States.
651 #0 \$a United States \$x Foreign relations \$z Soviet
Union.

Title: The free trade agreements among the EC countries: their implementation and interpretation.
651 #0 \$a European Economic Community countries
\$x Commercial treaties.
650 #0 \$a Free trade \$z European Economic Community
countries.

b. Individual treaties. Assign the heading for the name of a treaty or international convention to a work that discusses the treaty. Also assign topical headings appropriate to the work being cataloged. *Examples:*

Title: The Moon treaty.
630 00 \$a Agreement Governing the Activities of States
on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies
\$d (1979)
650 #0 \$a Space law.

2. Works about treaties.

b. Individual treaties.

Examples: (Continued)

Title: The diplomatic history of the Treaty of Tlatelolco.

630 00 \$a Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear
Weapons in Latin America \$d (1967)

650 #0 \$a Nuclear-weapon-free zones \$z Latin America.

Title: Commentary on the international convention for safe containers.

630 00 \$a International Convention for Safe Containers
\$d (1972)

650 #0 \$a Containers \$x Law and legislation.

*Title: Northern boundary of the United States according to the Treaty of
Ghent.*

610 10 \$a Great Britain. \$t Treaties, etc. \$g United
States. \$d 1814 Dec. 24.

651 #0 \$a United States \$x Boundaries \$z Canada.

651 #0 \$a Canada \$x Boundaries \$z United States.

*Title: Data almizrano-- : siete siglos y medio de historiografía
Valenciana sobre el Tratado de Almisra, 1244-1994.*

610 10 \$a Castile (Spain) \$t Treaties, etc. \$g Aragon
(Spain), \$d 1244 Mar. 26 \$x Historiography.

651 #0 \$a Castile (Spain) \$x History \$y Ferdinand III,
1217-1252 \$x Historiography.

651 #0 \$a Aragon (Spain) \$x History \$y James I, 1213-
1276 \$x Historiography.