**Proposed Amendment to the Revised CODATA Constitution
Submitted by the US National Committee for CODATA
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Objective:
To increase the number of ordinary members of the CODATA Executive Committee from 8 to 10 members.

Background:

CODATA has a growing base of interest in new disciplines (with the merger of ICSU and ISSC) and new types of members. It is important that the EC broadly represents the complexity as well as diversity of CODATA. The addition of 2 ordinary members to the EC would help cover this diversity. Specifically in trying to decide on candidates for the 2018 election, it is clear that ten good candidates would facilitate decisions on the best candidates to cover this diversity. So in future elections, with the new constitution, 10 ordinary members would be preferable.

Proposed change to Statutes:

6.2   The CODATA Executive Committee consists of the Officers (see Statute 7) together with **eight** Ordinary Members (see Statute 8) as well as Co-opted Members as deemed necessary (see Statute 6.2 c)). The Executive Committee is normally chaired by the President (see Statute 7).

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AND to be balanced:

8.2   The term of office of Ordinary Members shall be two years and may be renewed no more than twice (i.e. for a total of six years service). If up to three Ordinary Members are unable to complete their term, the positions remain vacant until the next General Assembly Elections. If more than **three (3)** Ordinary Members are unable to complete their term, the Executive Committee shall invite one or more co-opted individuals or previous Ordinary Members to complete the terms of the absent members. The term maximum established in Statute 6.2 b) shall not apply in these cases.

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Pros:

- Allows better representation of the diversity and expanding coverage of CODATA interests (disciplines) and membership (stakeholders)
- If members can't be present at meetings, the additional number maintains good representation
- This is a working EC and there is a lot of burden that could better be supported by 2 more members.

Cons:

- Will add costs to governance since travel expenses are paid for meetings
- 10 members and 4-5 (1 or 2 VPs) will result in an EC of up to 15 people which may be more difficult to manage so everyone has input