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Subject: Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Importance: High

To: National, Union and Co-opted Delegates

Dear friends,

In accordance with the Constitution all amendments to the Statutes and By-Laws must be sent to the delegates for consideration 90 days before the General Assembly (Statute 13 and 14). I have received two submissions:

RESERVE FUND

At the Executive meeting in Paris in 2011- the following resolution was adopted:

“Resolution: Reserve fund

“The 56th Executive Committee accepts and approves the recommendation from the CODATA Officers to commence as soon as possible the process of establishing a CODATA reserve fund equivalent to approximately one year of CODATA operational funds 250 000US\$. It directs the Treasurer in consultation with the Officers to put this in place as soon as possible. It is further agreed that an initial sum of 100 000 US\$ will be placed immediately in the reserve fund. When the fund is established and if an emergency occurs then withdrawal of funds from the reserve between now and the 28th General Assembly is conditional on approval by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

Further the Executive Committee recommends to the General Assembly that access to the fund should be subject to two thirds majority vote by the Executive Committee. If approved, it recommends to the General Assembly that the Constitution be amended accordingly”

In order to comply with the Constitution, please find attached the proposed amendment for your consideration.

MEMBERSHIP ISSUE

At the 57th Executive Committee meeting in London this year a draft report, prepared by the Membership Committee, was presented for discussion on ***“CODATA- A Strategy to Increase the Membership Circle”***. You will find attached a draft of the report that will be tabled for discussion at the General Assembly in Taipei in October. However building on this draft report and the discussions that took place at the EC- two new categories of Membership are being proposed:

Affiliate Member

At-Large Member

In order to comply with the Constitution please find attached proposed amendments to the Constitution for your consideration and subsequent discussion by you at the General Assembly in Taipei.

The draft Agenda for the 28th CODATA General Assembly will be circulated to you later in August followed by supporting working documents.

Kind regards
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