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- a) added new VariableTypes for AnalogItems;
- b) added an Annex that specifies a recommended mapping of OPC UA DataAccess to OPC COM DataAccess;
- c) changed the ambiguous description of "Bad\_NotConnected";
- d) updated description for EUInformation to refer to latest revision of UNCEFACT units.

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### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62541 is part of the overall OPC Unified Architecture (OPC UA) standard series and defines the information model associated with Data Access (DA). It particularly includes additional *VariableTypes* and complementary descriptions of the *NodeClasses* and *Attributes* needed for Data Access, additional *Properties*, and other information and behaviour.

The complete address space model, including all *NodeClasses* and *Attributes* is specified in IEC 62541-3. The services to detect and access data are specified in IEC 62541-4.

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IEC TR 62541-1, *OPC Unified Architecture – Part 1: Overview and Concepts*

IEC 62541-3, *OPC Unified Architecture – Part 3: Address Space Model*

IEC 62541-4, *OPC Unified Architecture – Part 4: Services*

IEC 62541-5, *OPC Unified Architecture – Part 5: Information Model*

UN/CEFACT: UNECE Recommendation N° 20, *Codes for Units of Measure Used in International Trade*, available at [https://www.unece.org/cefact/codesfortrade/codes\\_index.html](https://www.unece.org/cefact/codesfortrade/codes_index.html)

### 3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

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##### 3.1.1

##### **Dataltem**

link to arbitrary, live automation data, that is, data that represents currently valid information

Note 1 to entry: Examples of such data are

- device data (such as temperature sensors),