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to Korean Contribution on JTC1 50% voting rule
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The Korean contribution proposes that JTC 1 remove the rule that all for all letter ballots,
“In JTC 1, if more than fifty percent of the P-members have not voted, the vote will have failed.”

Canada notes that this rule has been in place in JTC1 because JTC 1 and its subcommittees were having substantial difficulties with national body P members not participating in the work of the committees. JTC 1 decided and has reconfirmed at a number of its plenary meetings that it needs this rule to effectively manage its balloting processes.

Canada supported, and still supports, the JTC 1 50% rule. We would object to its removal, even in the name of harmonization.