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On the consideration of complex and less stable Fast Track proposal, Japan shares the concern with Canada on the point that more deliberate process than the current fast track process might be required. However Japan is afraid if extra ballot period of time proposed by N 8940 may become unrealistically long for a voluminous proposal. Also, Japan believes that final decision on a Fast Track DIS should not be made based on the editing directions specified as the disposition of comments agreed upon by the ballot resolution group, but should be made based on the concrete text developed as the result of the ballot resolution group meeting. Therefore Japan would propose introduction of FDIS and second DIS ballots to the Fast Track process, instead of simply extend DIS ballot period in proportion to the volume of a proposal.

The proposed process is as follows.

The DIS proposal which ballot result meets the criteria specified by clause 9.6 shall proceed to FDIS ballot with the elaborated text agreed upon by the ballot resolution group of the DIS ballot.

The DIS proposal which ballot result does not meet the criteria specified by clause 9.6 may proceed to second DIS ballot with the elaborated text agreed upon by the ballot resolution meeting of the DIS ballot. If the ballot resolution group can not reach a conclusion according to clause 13.8 on the text to be submitted for the second DIS ballot, the process shall be terminated.

The second DIS proposal which ballot result meets the criteria specified by clause 9.6

shall proceed to FDIS ballot with the elaborated text agreed upon by the ballot resolution group of the second DIS ballot. If the result of the second DIS ballot does not meet the criteria of 9.6, the process shall be terminated.