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This contribution from Ecma International is for consideration by JTC 1's Special Working Group on Directives, July 2008.

We feel JTC 1 should not make drastic changes while the emotional dust of recent events has not yet settled. For example, the 30-day ballot was installed after a single incident and subsequently has proven to be cumbersome due to lack of definition of "contradiction". Ecma would recommend that this 30-day ballot should be removed in order to arrive at a combined ISO/IEC 6-month ballot.

PAS submitters and Fast Track proposers submit a completed draft to JTC 1. We feel that such submissions should be accompanied in advance with an explanatory report in e.g. the form of a whitepaper to enhance the timely distribution of information prior to the start of the FT. This information will increase the quality of the review and subsequent ballot responses.

Because completed drafts are submitted, and acceptance of a New Work Item proposal in JTC1 implies resourcing of SCs to start developing a draft, New Work Item proposal would be inappropriate for PAS and FT.

Currently JTC 1 already sees both technical and non-technical comments to FT and PAS. In addition there seems to be a fine line between technical and non-technical comments. Therefore, both technical and non-technical comments should be allowed while the commenter should still provide proposed resolution. The International Editor, together with the assigned SC, ITTF and commenter's, should use the time between the end of ballot and the Ballot Resolution Meeting to enhance the quality and support of proposed dispositions.

The proposed dispositions should be made available in advance of the Ballot Resolution Meeting to enable Member bodies' due preparation.

The International Editor shall make the disposition of comments document as agreed in the Ballot Resolution Meeting, together with the DIS text as amended with those dispositions, available to ITTF who may call for a confirmation vote before actual publication. We feel an FDIS vote is the wrong instrument since that would imply the DIS might be sent to the SC, since it is not the submitter and where there may be a lack of expertise in the SC on the subject matter.

Ecma-International appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the further evolution of the JTC 1 Directives to improve the quality of the JTC 1 work and subsequent International Standards.