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French contribution on document N 9287

FNB suggests to base the JTC1 response to documents N 9287 and N9301 on a set of basic principles :

- 1. When an ISO/IEC standard has been approved (including through fast-track from a PAS submitter or a fast-track submitter), National Bodies have the right to perform maintenance of the standard, including for example raising Defect Reports.
- 2. When an ISO/IEC standard has been approved (including through fast-track from a PAS submitter or a fast-track submitter) and allocated to a JTC1/SC, maintenance of the standard needs to be performed according the JTC1 Directives. For example, the 2-months timing constraint put on the SC for giving an answer to a Defect Report must be respected, irrespective of whether the Defect report is handled in a SC-internal editing group or in another kind of maintenance structure.
- 3. 3. Submission of a standard through the fast-track/PAS procedure should happen within a partnership between JTC1 and the submitting organization. This partnership should include a positive negociation of the maintenance process which respects to the best possible extent the needs of both parties.

FNB is of the opinion that such a partnership needs to be established between OASIS and JTC1. It should be based on a detailed review and understanding of the maintenance and evolution requirements from both sides (including for example the concepts of errata, technical corrigenda, versions, etc), and it should identify a common process which allows SC34 to fulfill the requirements imposed by the JTC1 Directives while allowing the technical work in OASIS to progress at the best possible pace. FNB suggests to JTC1 to appoint a team of experts who will be tasked with this negociation, and who should strive to provide a way forward in time for the next SC34 meeting (March. Is this too early? it is urgent... what do you think?)