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French Contribution on the clarification of the Fast Track procedures

French National Body considered the various contributions dealing with the clarification of Fast Track procedures and would like to share its views on the following important topics:

1. 30 days ballot for perceived contradictions

Considering the experience gained in dealing with this process, FNB noted that the comments received are usually sent back to the NBs for evaluation by their experts in the context of the DIS vote. In order to make the overall Fast Track process more effective, FNB recommends to get rid the 30 days ballot for perceived contradictions and have a fixed period (5 or 6 months) for DIS vote. In addition, FNB recommends having the very same duration for a DIS vote in the context of a PAS submission.

2. Explanatory report

The explanatory report demonstrated to be useful tool in the context of PAS submissions. FNB recommends requiring the same explanatory report in relation to Fast Track submissions.

3. Fast Track vote duration

Several proposals suggest defining a voting duration in relation to the number of pages of the submission. FNB reiterate that such a request appears very complex to implement (the number of pages depends on a lot of parameters), not adequate (the complexity of a document is not related to its length) and would create a lot of burden and arguments to decide on every Fast Track voting duration. Then, FNB recommends having a fixed voting period for any DIS submitted via Fast Track or PAS.

4. FDIS vote

Considering the experience acquired in processing a large number of Fast Track submission, FNB sees no evident need to add an additional step for FDIS vote to the Fast Track process. A 30 day period after the BRM for confirmation of the DIS vote based on the resolution of comments elaborated during the BRM meetings appears adequate and should be confirmed as the final Fast Track approval step.

5. Voting members

FNB agrees that the voting members are the ISO and IEC members, each voting right being in relation to its individual status of P or O member.

It is well known that a NB changes its status from O to P when it identifies that a specific topic is of interest and wants to engage in influencing the corresponding work. In a Fast Track process, a NB identifies the importance of a topic either when the DIS document is submitted for the 30 day review or more probably when the 5 months

voting is initiated. This is the reason why status changes often appear during the DIS voting process. Such opportunity should be kept for any NB which is willing to play a “full” role in the revision of the proposed DIS.

6. Adding an initial vote similar to the NP vote

FNB sees no need to add an additional vote similar to the NP vote. The important step in a Fast Track process is the DIS vote where each NB can review the content of the proposal and provide with any relevant comment.