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Canada is of the opinion that for ISO/IEC JTC 1 to have both the Fast Track (FT) process and Publicly Available Specification (PAS) process is both duplicative and confusing.

As currently implemented, both processes bypass the International Consensus aspect that is the hallmark of both ISO and IEC.

The intent of both FT and PAS is to bring products that are both Mature and Useful to the Market into the ISO/IEC JTC 1 portfolio. In addition, candidate products must integrate with existing products within the ISO/IEC JTC 1 portfolio, and not overlap, duplicate or conflict with existing corpus of products in the portfolio.

This is not always happening.

In order to resolve this situation Canada makes the following 2 recommendations:

1. Eliminate the Fast Track process:
 - 1.1. Current Fast Track submitters can submit candidates into the normal development process, likely the accelerated option, or
 - 1.2. Can apply to become Publicly Available Specification submitters;
2. Keep the Publicly Available Specification process in a modified form such that:
 - 2.1. If no Technical Comments are received on the DIS ballot it is published as a Technical Specification (TS),
 - 2.2. If Technical Comments are received it is automatically returned to the FCD level so that technical consensus is achieved, and
 - 2.3. In order to progress the PAS to an International Standard (IS) it must under go an additional FDIS ballot.