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Following comments are being submitted for considering the modification to be made in Fast Track Procedure defined in JTC 1 directives:

1. As per clause 13.3 of JTC directives

"The period for combined DIS (or DAM) voting shall be six months. This shall consist of a 30-day JTC 1 National Body review period followed by a five-month ballot. In order to be accepted the document must meet criteria 9.6".

The time period of 5 months ballot should be reviewed. When the document is very bulky, period of 5 months may not be sufficient to examine the document. The time period should be dependent on the number of pages of document under review. It is requested to consider increasing or decreasing 5 month time given under review period and fix the time depending on the length of the document under examination.

- **2.** For the document under fast track adoption, once a document (DIS or DAM) is issued by JTC 1 for 30 day review period, the votes of member bodies enrolling as P member after one month contradiction period is over, should not be considered while compiling voting result.
- **3.** All technical issues raised by different member bodies should be discussed adequately during BRM. If balloting on technical issues is envisaged, it should not be done during BRM. Balloting may be done after discussion within corresponding mirror committees of the national bodies providing sufficient time for discussions. In other words, duration of BRM should be in consonance with the requirement of time to sufficiently discuss all technical issues raised.
- **4.** If the basic structure of the submitted document is proposed to be changed during BRM, provision for circulation of restructured integrated document for consideration of member bodies should be incorporated in the Fast Track Process as well (provision for FDIS). Enough time should be given to member bodies to examine/carry out the impact assessment of the modifications proposed.

- **5.** Voting process especially in terms of considering simple majority/two-third majority and counting of P member/O Member votes at BRM needs to be clearly defined in JTC 1 Directives.
- **6.** It is suggested that the resolution to the issues raised during the process of development of standard shall be provided before the publication of the standard and shall be included in the published standard and shall not be deferred to the maintenance phase.