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Considering that:

- complexity of a standard is difficult to measure,
- length of the document, length of sentences, complexity of sentences, of formulas and of the subject can influence the complexity of a standard,
- complexity of sentences, formulas and subject are difficult to measure,
- a simple standard will most of the time be a small standard,
- the average number of pages of an ISO standard in 2007 was 38 p.,
- documents much larger than 38 pages do not reflect the average ISO standard.

Taking this into account we think that the amount of pages is a reasonable indication of the complexity of a standard. We support the proposal of Canada that if a PAS or Fast Track exceeds 500 pages, the ballot period should be extended at a rate of an additional 30 days per 100 additional pages.