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Japan understands that SWG-Directives is now focusing on the following two items.

- (1) To align the JTC 1 Directives with the ISO/IEC directives as much as possible, and to make a new ISO/IEC JTC 1 supplement for the JTC 1 specific procedures
- (2) To modify/improve the current JTC 1 Directives, including the fast-track and its BRM procedures

Japan makes the following two comments,

- (1) To give equal priority to (1) and (2) above, not to push off (2) for (1)
- (2) To take into account that the work of (2) does not influence the current fast-track procedures working effectively

Rationale:

- (1) Japan recognizes that in most cases the current fast-track procedures in the JTC 1 directives are working effectively however in some cases there exist crucial problems, and therefore, prompt actions are required for the problems because JTC1 may be confronted with such a problem again in the future. Japan proposed already contributions, N 9162 and N 9166 and others, for the problems where a new ballot procedure for the fast-track process and a BRM procedure are proposed. Japan hopes at the Osaka meeting for SWG on Directives, the problems will be discussed enough and effective solutions be resolved.
- (2) The current fast-track process has been working well for the purpose of original fast-track system to make into an IS without change or with small modification which exists already as a standard. JTC1 Directives shall be valid when some exceptional case is proposed because it shall be processed according to the directives. If the current directives are not enough for the cases, the directives shall be modified but the changes shall not affect the current effective and useful fast-track process.