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Japanese National Body Contribution on the Fast-track and PAS Procedures

Japan thinks that JTC 1 should encourage submitters of fast track and PAS to provide early information of their submission to JTC 1 preferably 6 months prior to their submission. The early information should contain information that is included in NP and explanatory report, and preferably contain access information to a draft of the specification to be submitted through fast track or PAS.

Instead of the current 30 days contradiction review, Japan likes to see some coordination mechanism to solve administrative and non-technical issues such as contradictions with existing or developing international standards, or ballot period for huge and complex specification. The coordination may take place between the submission of the early information and the actual submission of fast track or PAS proposal.