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**AFNOR contribution on Document SGFS N753 ,
about use/reference of ATS/PTS by SGFS.**

AFNOR is in general agreement with Document SGFS N753, and supports the work for inclusion of provisions for use and reference of ATS/PTS in the ISPs. However AFNOR would like to draw attention to the following points:

When a PTS (and possibly an ATS) is available (the PTS for a profile already at ISP stage), document SGFS N 753 recommends that the PTS is not referenced in the ISP until the ATS for the corresponding base standards (or parts of the base standards) have reached DIS stage.

The principle here seems reasonable, but we may well face a type of situations which could occur often and introduce long delays :

For example, let's suppose that S-Liaisons define jointly the PTS for a given profile, and take this opportunity to contribute this PTS (which is harmonized, and possibly the basis of operational tests services) to SGFS. They may or may not , at that time, contribute the ATS to the base standards organizations. If they do contribute them then the ATS may take a long time to reach the DIS level, and for that amount of time (or longer if the ATS has not been submitted) the progression of the PTS will be suspended (as described in Clauses 2 c and 4).

It is suggested that, without changing the spirit of N753, we make room for this intermediate situation where there is an harmonized PTS for a standardized profile, but the corresponding ATS has not reached DIS stage in the base standard committee. A possibility might be to progress and keep the PTS at pDISP stage, noting on the front page the reason why it cannot be progressed any further. There may be other possibilities, but in any case it is important to give some recognition to the PTS in SGFS since it can take years before the corresponding ATS reaches DIS level and before the PTS is updated accordingly if necessary.

On the other hand it would be worth investigating how progression of an ATS can be made quicker at the base standardization level, for example using the fast-track process; and what could be the path for fast-track. Are the S-liaisons allowed to submit documents into JTC1 for fast-track ?