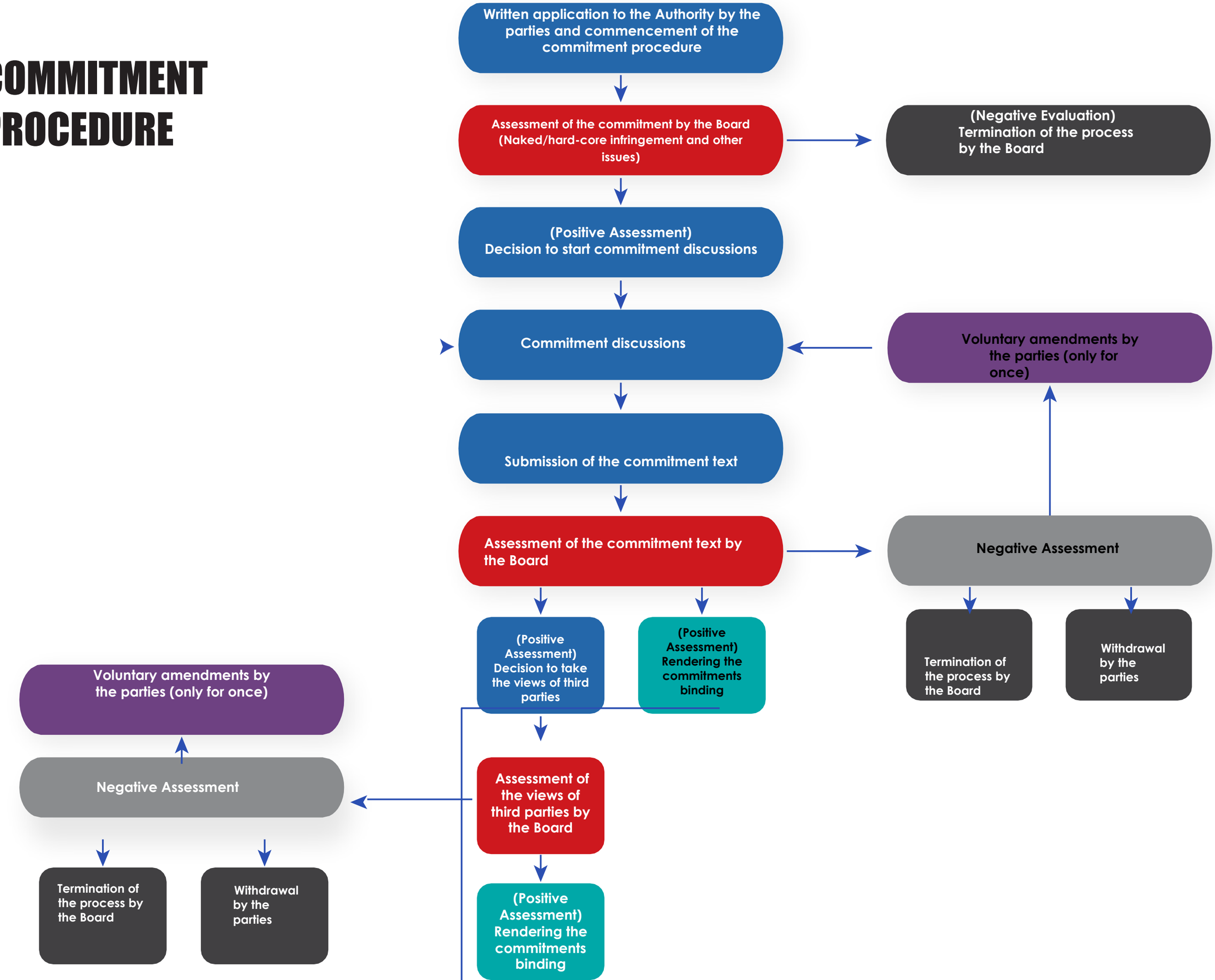COMMITMENT PROCEDURE