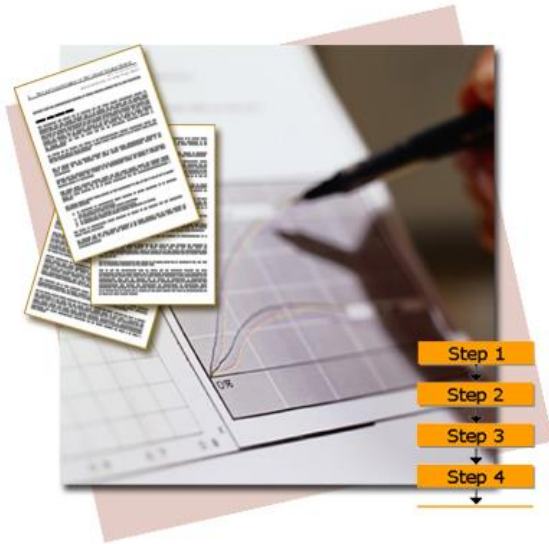




# ELABORATION OF STANDARDS

# Standards Elaboration Process

Once the project document is prepared and the CAC (taking into account the advice of the CCEXEC) has agreed that new work should begin on a standard:

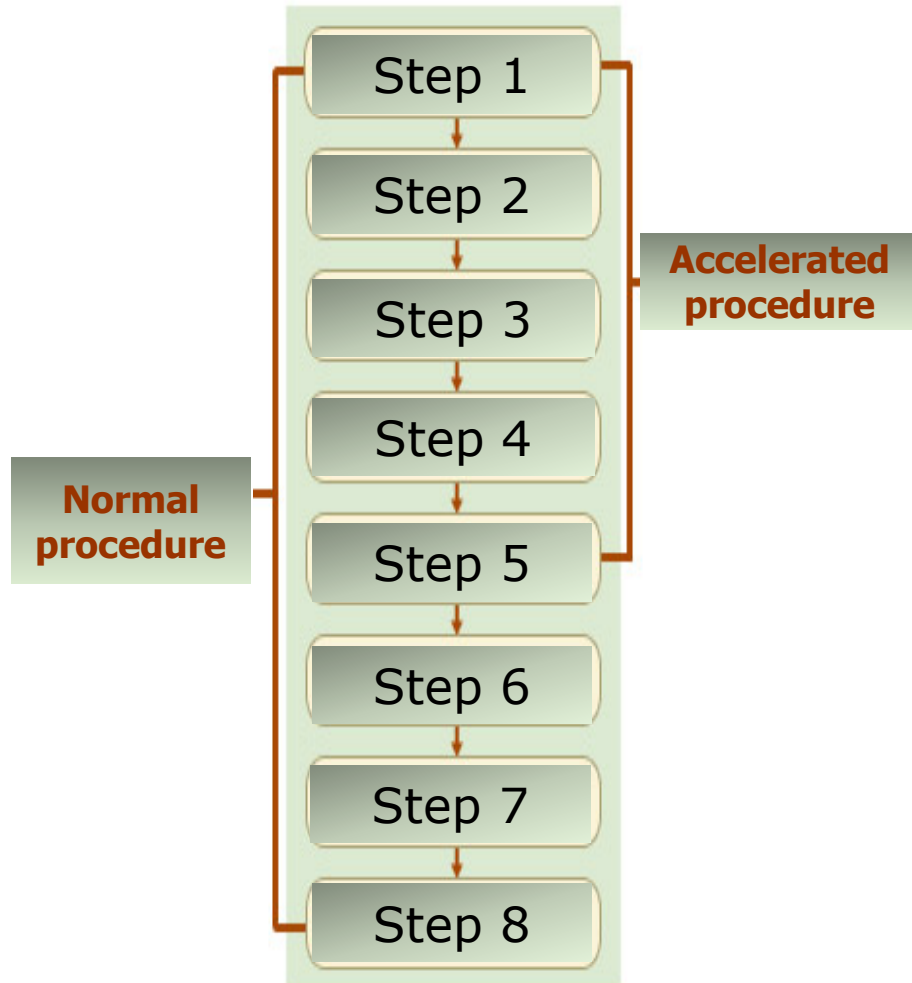


The CAC should agree **which Committee** is responsible for developing the standard and guiding it through the 5/8 step procedure.

An important stage occurs immediately after the project document is prepared, i.e. **a country or group of countries must prepare a first draft of the standard to be considered through the step process.**

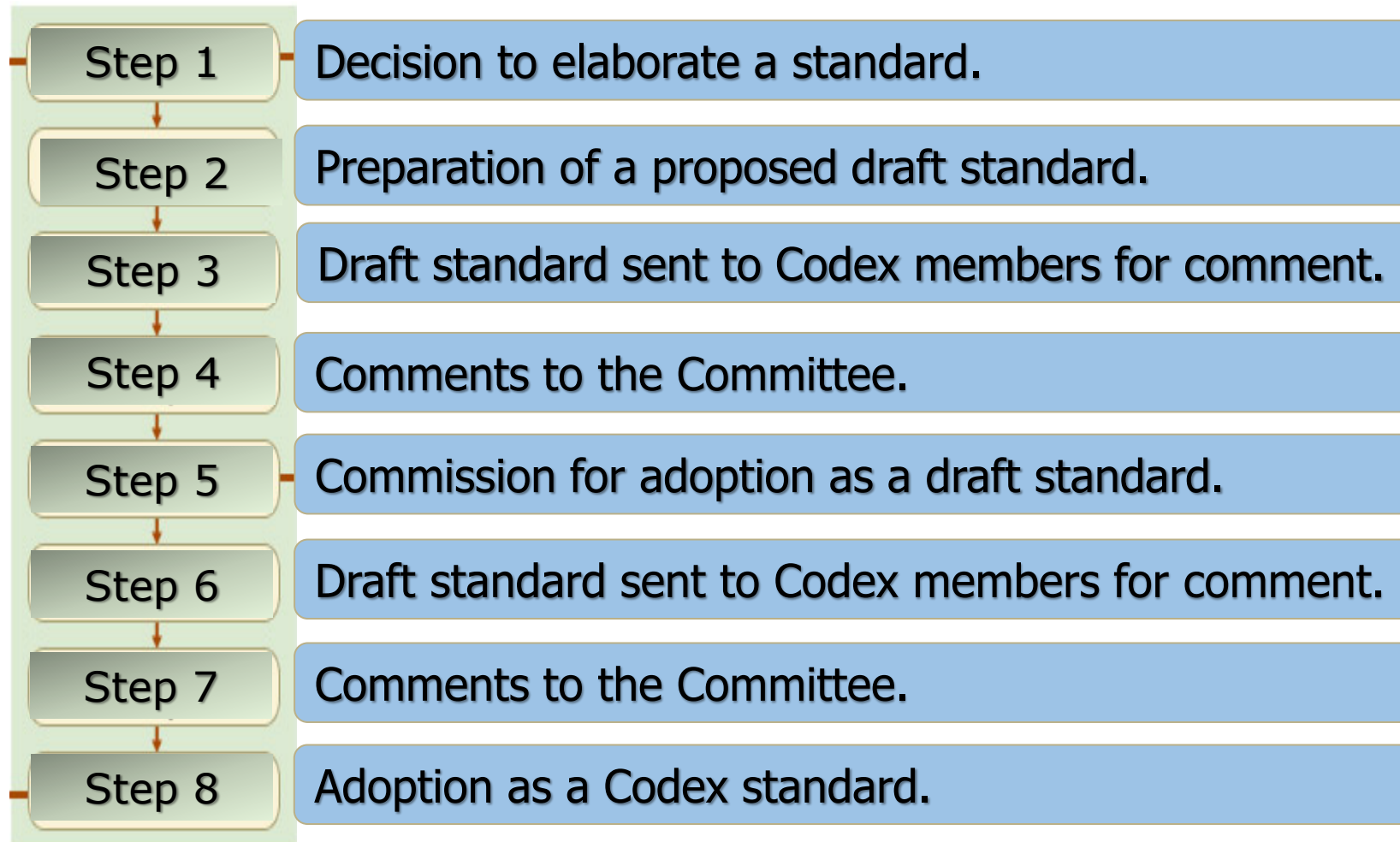
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## Eight-Step Procedure

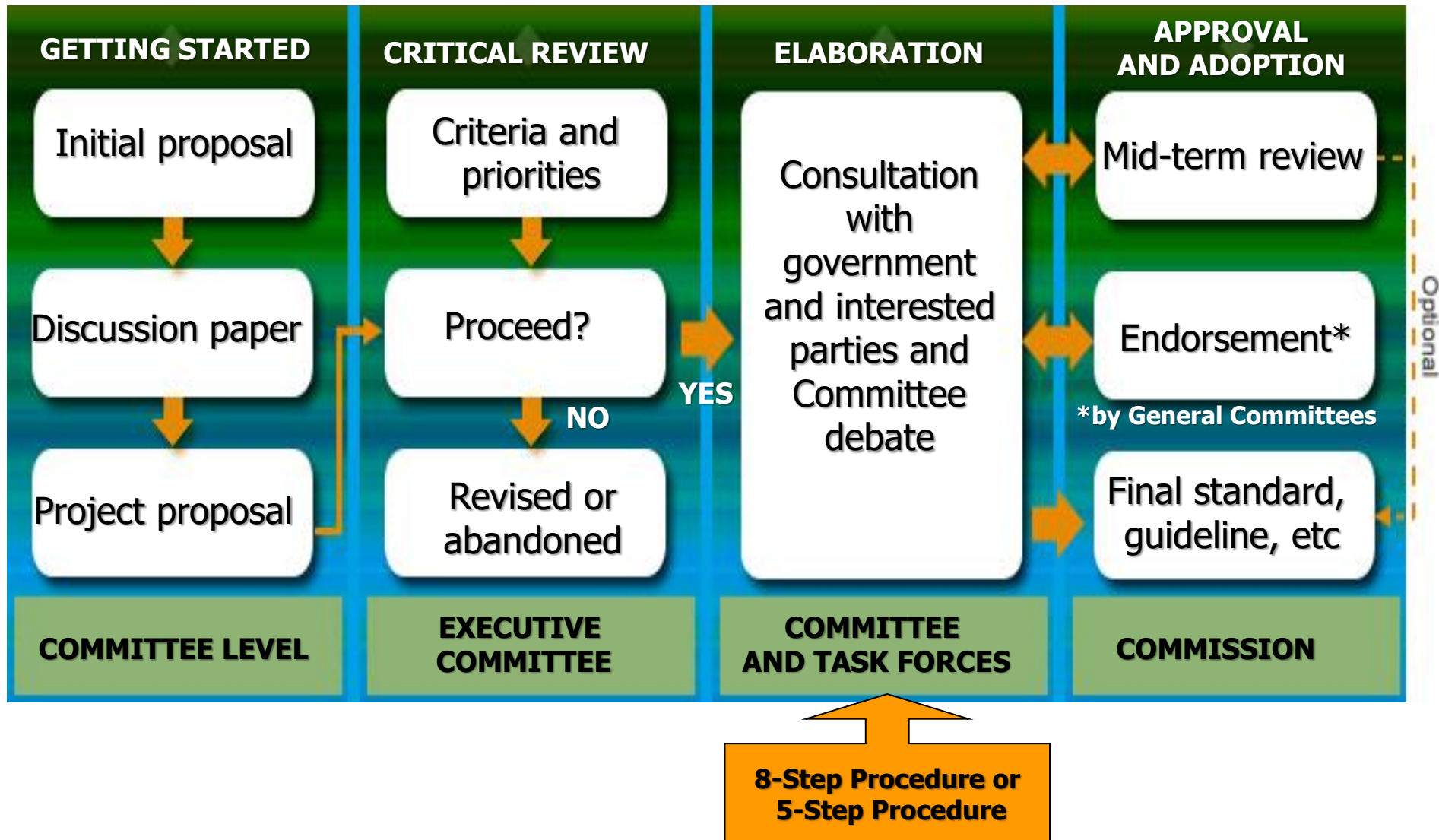


- The normal elaboration process follows **eight distinct steps**, involving two rounds of comments by members.
- A decision may be taken at step 5 to omit the second round of comments (steps 6 and 7).
- It can be decided at the beginning to follow the accelerated 5-Step Procedure with only one round of government comments.

# The Eight-Step Procedure (2)

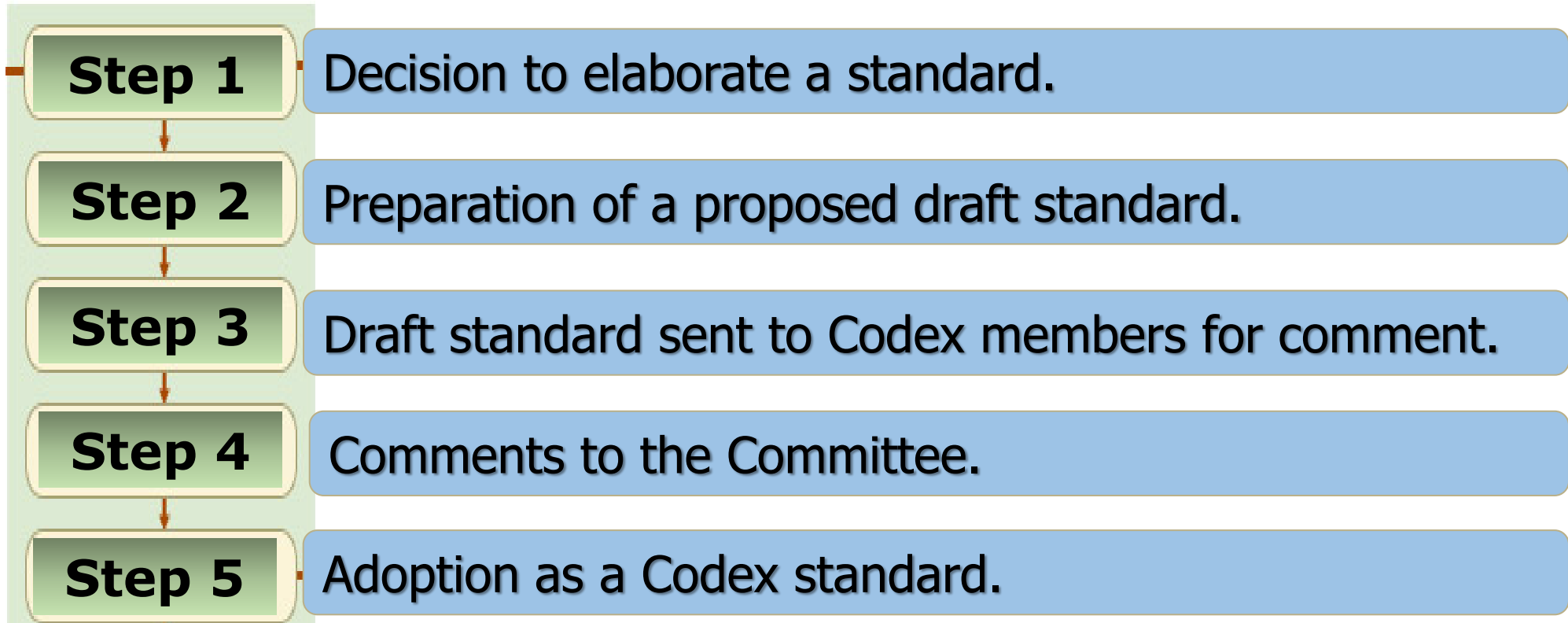


# Standards Elaboration – At A Glance

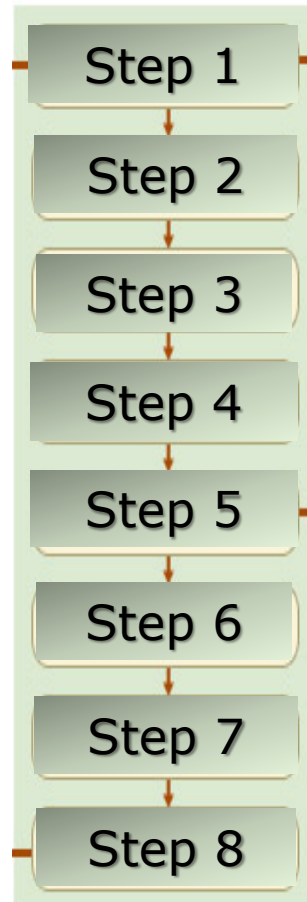




# The 5-Step Procedure



# Delay in Advancing Standards



While every effort is made to advance standards in a timely manner through the relevant 8-step or 5-step procedure – it is important to note that **standards may be returned to an earlier step.**

# Amendments

## Amendments to the rules of procedure:

- **usually do not go through the Codex step procedure;**  
and
- **do not require a project document.**



- ✓ Proposed amendments are considered by the Codex Committee on General Principles, and recommendations for revision go from that committee to the Commission.





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