

not reflect the merit of the case from an environmental perspective, just simply expedience. Therefore, harmful projects may be authorized.

Ahmad (1996) indicated that the EIA Unit seeks to ensure good mitigation measures in such cases. However, currently, there is no legally binding provision to implement these measures. Furthermore, even after enactment of the EIA Decree, the author predicts difficulties in their enforcement. On the other hand, supposing that mitigation measures are implemented, they often will not have the potential effectiveness hoped for, especially when the project has significant impacts and should have been rejected originally.

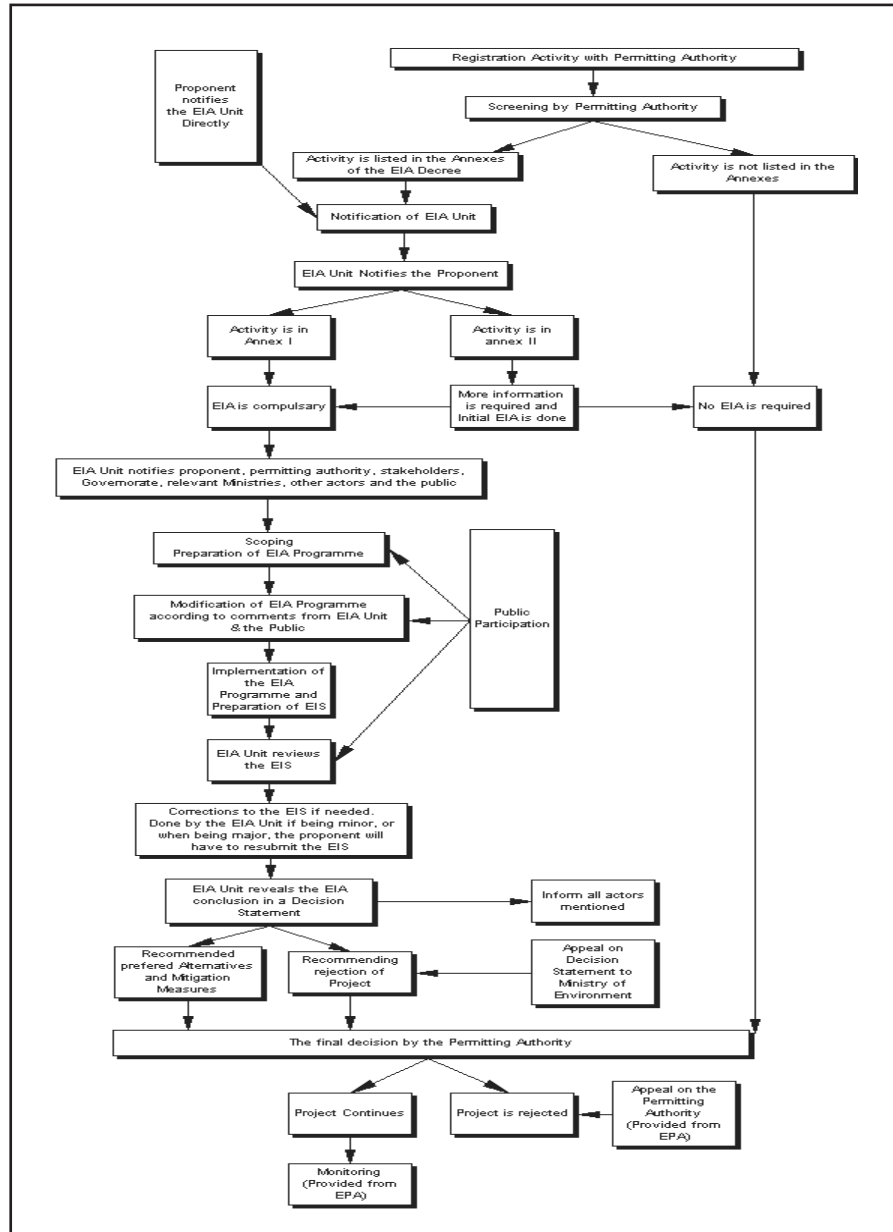


Figure 2: The proposed EIA procedures according to the drafts of the AEIA Decree and EPA