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- Has the participating State established a centralized mechanism where information from different sources and actors is systematically gathered and analysed?
- Is the main task the collection of data on trafficking in the widest possible sense, including monitoring the effects of implementation of National Action Plans?
- To what degree is the work product of the mechanism intellectual independent and objective?
- Does the National Rapporteur or equivalent mechanism have complete access to, and actively collect, data from all involved agencies, including law enforcement agencies, as well as appropriate access to information from NGOs?
- Does the mechanism directly report to the government and/or the Parliament and make recommendations on the development of national policies and action plans?
- Is the report made public?
- Importantly, does the report articulate shortfalls and gaps to target areas for improving efforts and not simply catalogue the anti-trafficking activities of the government?
- These reflect some of the minimum signposts as to whether reports produced by a National Rapporteur or equivalent mechanism will be able to serve as a tool for policy and practice.