

## Step 1: Public monitoring and grading

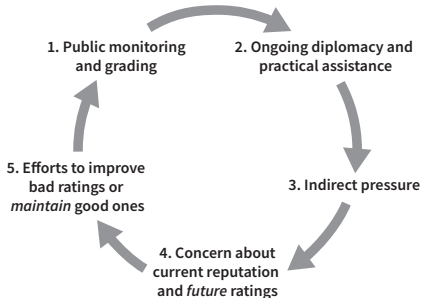
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- The US TIP report is issued annually and receives considerable attention (**C, Q, I/3**)
- The US specifically designed the policy to be public (**I/1**)
- No evidence of selective report inclusion or ratings (**Q/3**)

## Step 2: Ongoing diplomacy and practical assistance

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- US diplomacy is way more visible than that of other embassies (**Q/3**)
- TIP diplomacy includes extensive meetings at high levels (**Q/3**)
- Sometimes funding is used for institution building (**C/3**)
- More grants have gone to prevention and protection than to prosecution (**Q/3**)
- Sanctions have not really been applied (**Q/3**)



## Step 3: Indirect pressure

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- Some NGOs use the TIP report to pressure their government (**C, I/4**)
- The US funds NGOs and IGOs to carry out programs aligned with its message **Q, C, I/4**)
- The TIP report attracts media attention (**Q/4**)
- US facilitates wider cooperation (**C, I/4**)
- NGOs use the TIP report to talk to others (**Q/4**)
- TIP report informs NGOs (**Q, I, C/4**)
- The TIP hero award can elevate local actors (**C/4**)