

WHA78 Delegate Survey: Key findings

72 responses from 57 Member States

Focus areas:

1. Preparation and organization
2. Cost and time saving measures
3. Agenda management
4. Staying informed during the Health Assembly
5. Improving engagement in the Governing Bodies





Most delegates agreed with the following:



- The registration process was simple, and adequate support was provided **(96%)** (91%)
- The groupings of agenda items were appropriate and helped to facilitate discussion **(89%)** (47%)
- Interpretation services were adequate **(95%)** (82%)
- Informal consultations organized in advance of the Health Assembly were well-supported **(91%)** (72%)
- Delegations were well-informed about the meeting arrangements through pre-session briefings **(90%)** (82%)
- The decision-making process was effective **(83%)** (48%)
- Questions about organization/protocol aspects were answered adequately **(83%)** (67%)
- The high-level segment was well timed and important **(77%)** (72%)
- The general discussion allowed for meaningful engagement among delegation heads **(78%)** (57%)

Legend: % WHA78, % WHA77



Most delegates agreed with the following:



- Constituency statements by non-State actors improved the quality of the debates **(75%)** (56%)
- The Award ceremony enriched the Health Assembly by celebrating the excellence of some of the top experts in WHO Member States **(74%)** (61%)
- The strategic roundtables (Sustainable financing of WHO for impact in the new global health landscape, and the Ministerial Strategic Dialogue: Data and Sustainable Financing: twin foundations to accelerate UHC and the SDGs) added to the quality of the Health Assembly **(68%)** (80%)
- Informal pre-meetings with non-State actors and Member States improved the meaningful engagement with non-State actors **(58%)** (48%)
- The documentation was produced in all official languages and in a timely manner **(57%)** (N/A)

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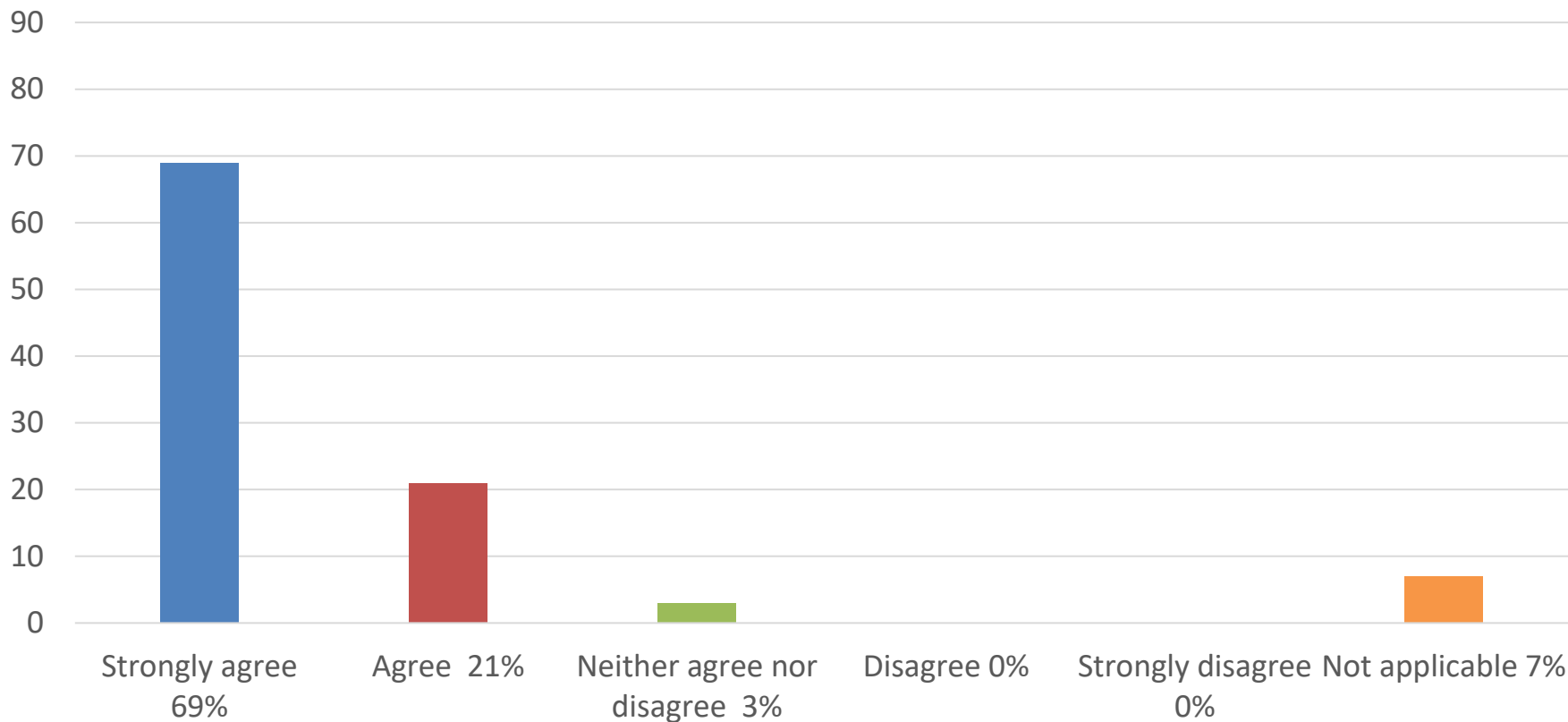
Most delegates agreed with the following:



- Electronic voting, when consensus could not be reached, was an effective tool to help manage time (**90%**)
- Reduced speaking times helped to manage the agenda efficiently and minimised additional (evening) sessions (**89%**)
- Official side events (with full cost recovery) enhanced the overall programme and helped to minimise costs (**76%**)
- Meetings started and ended on time (**65%**) (**20% disagree**)
- More slots for official side events with an earlier announcement of their availability should be introduced (**64%**) (**24% neither agree or disagree**)

Legend: % WHA78

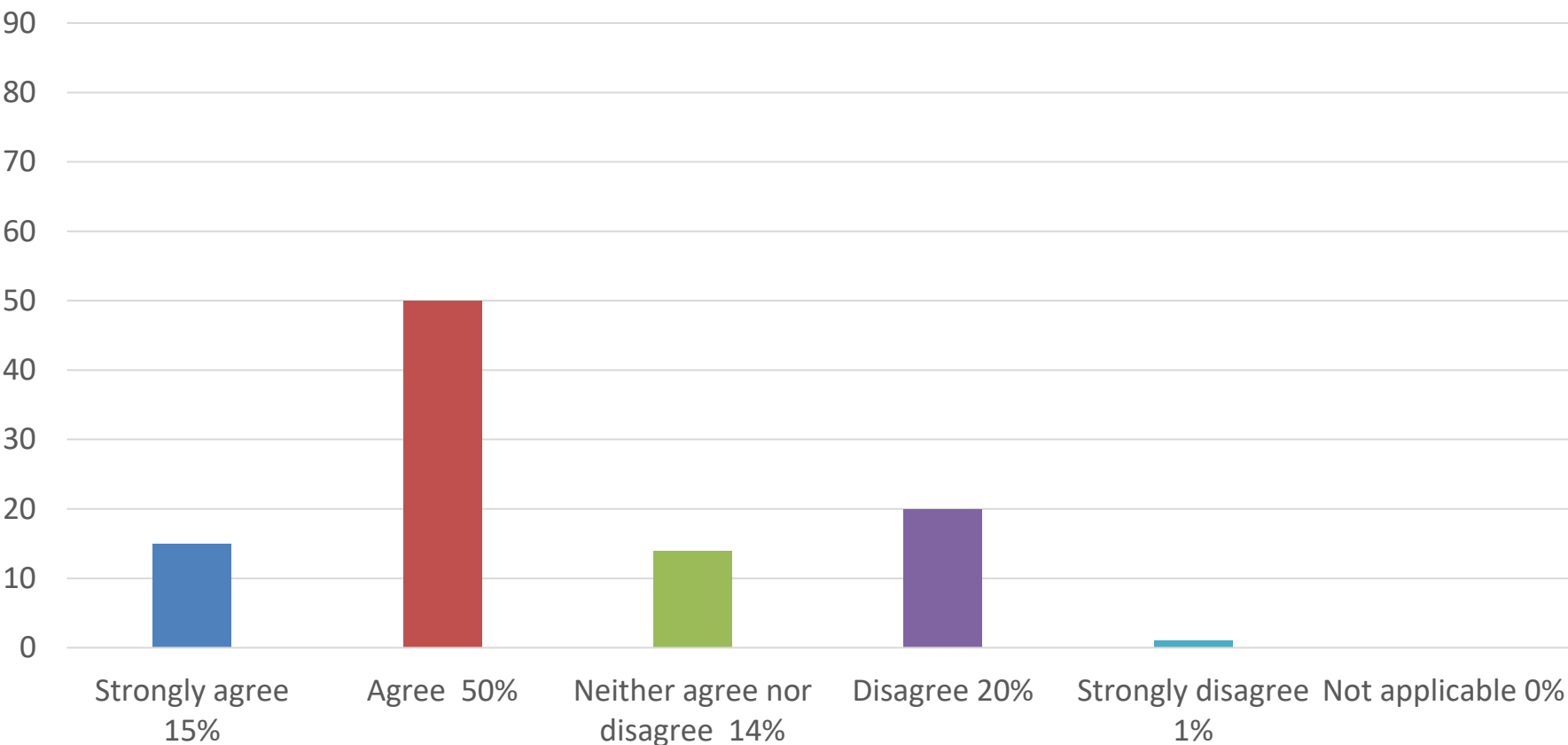
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% of respondents



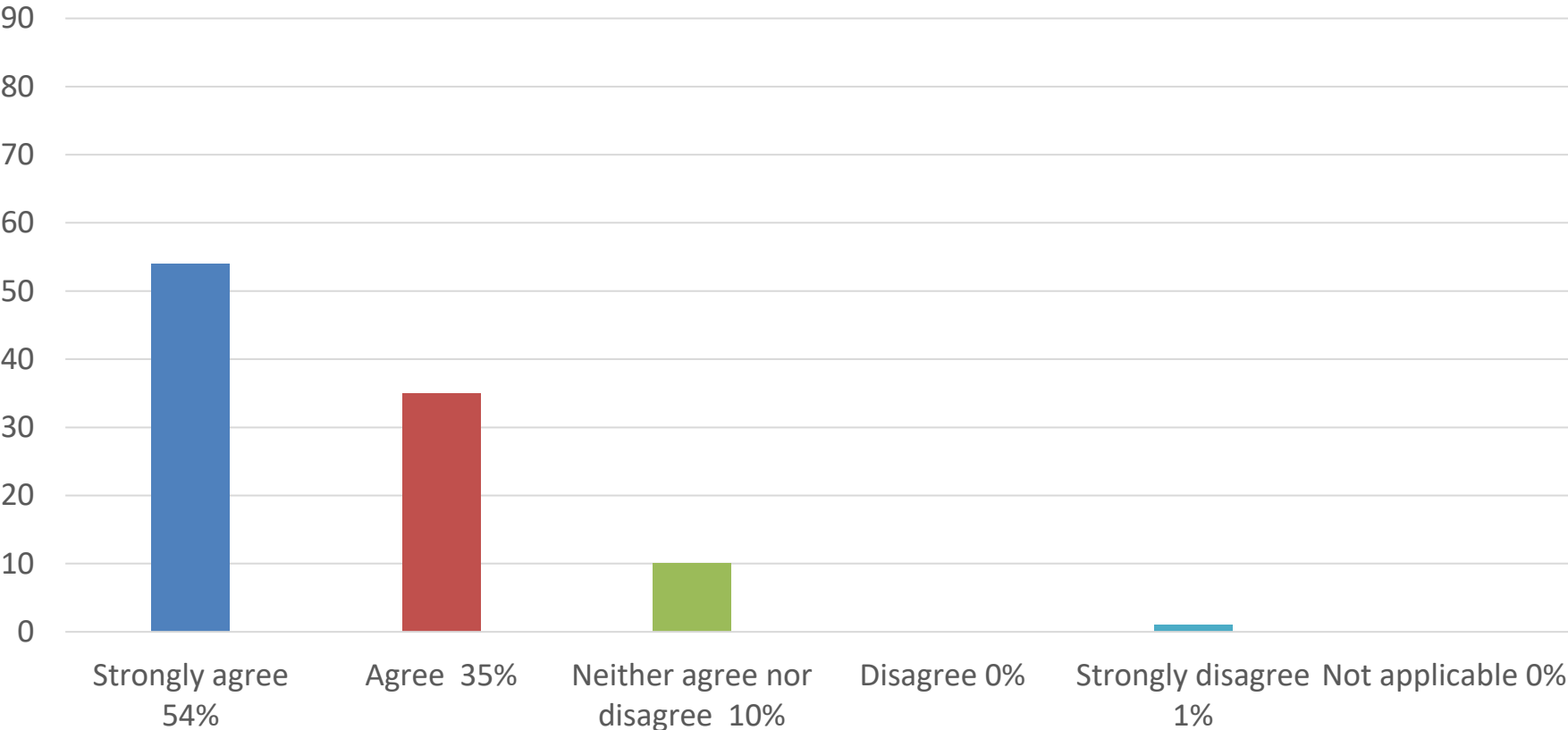
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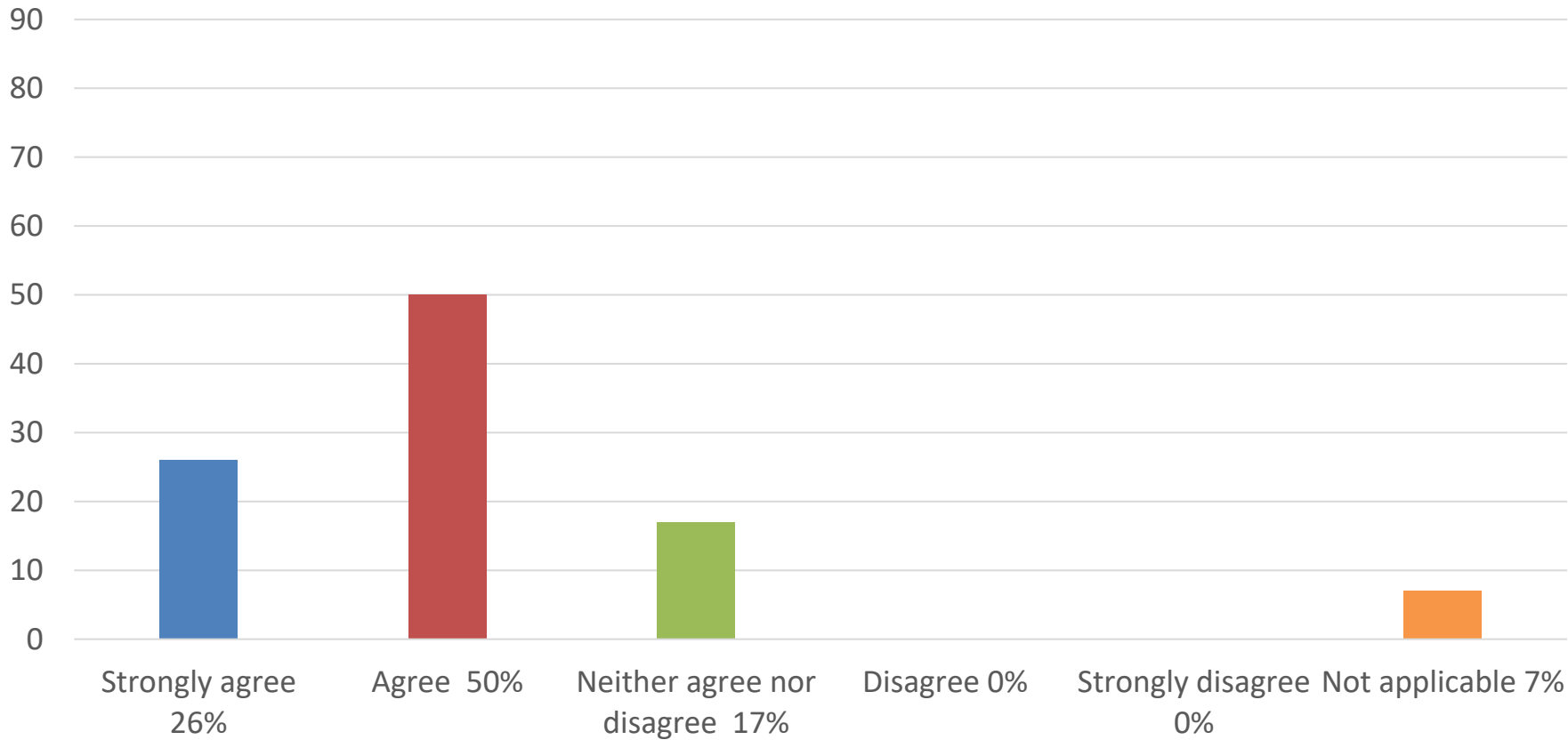
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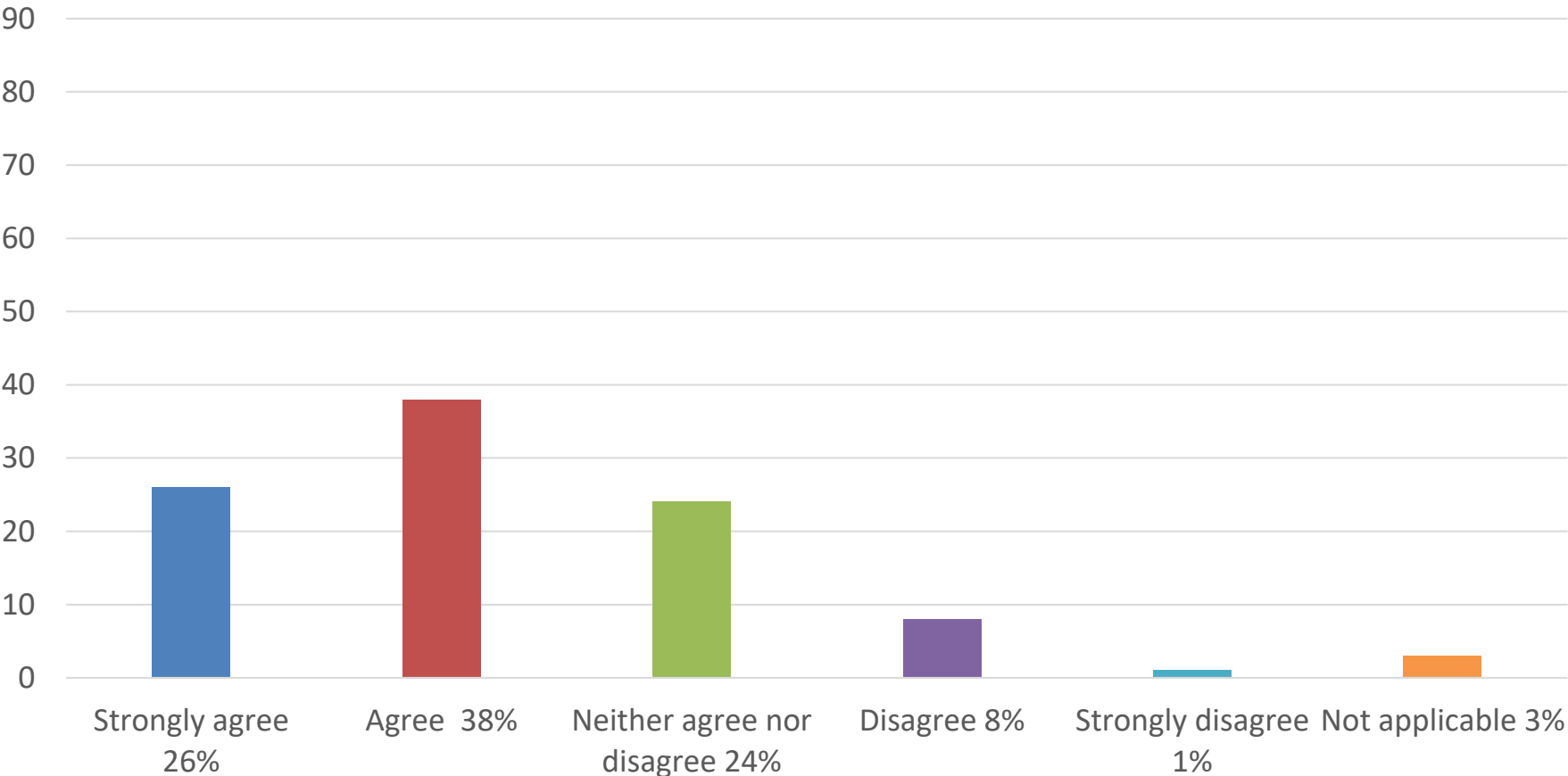
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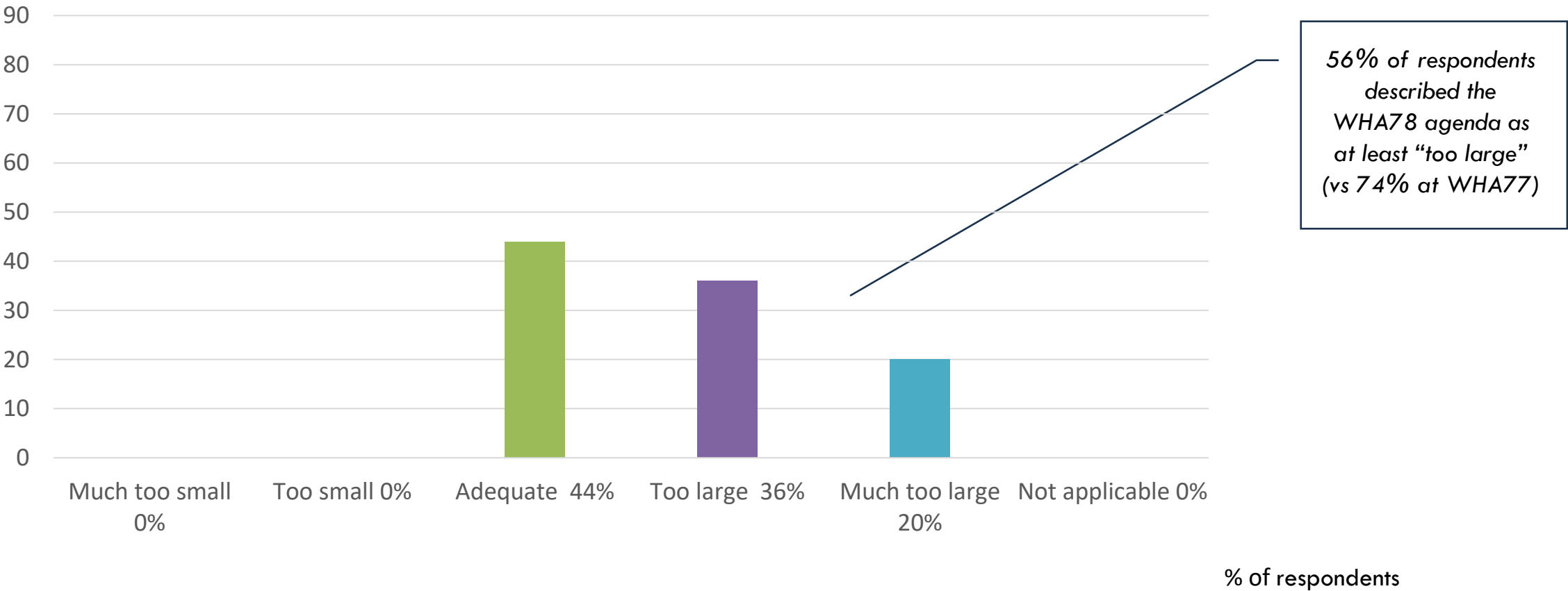
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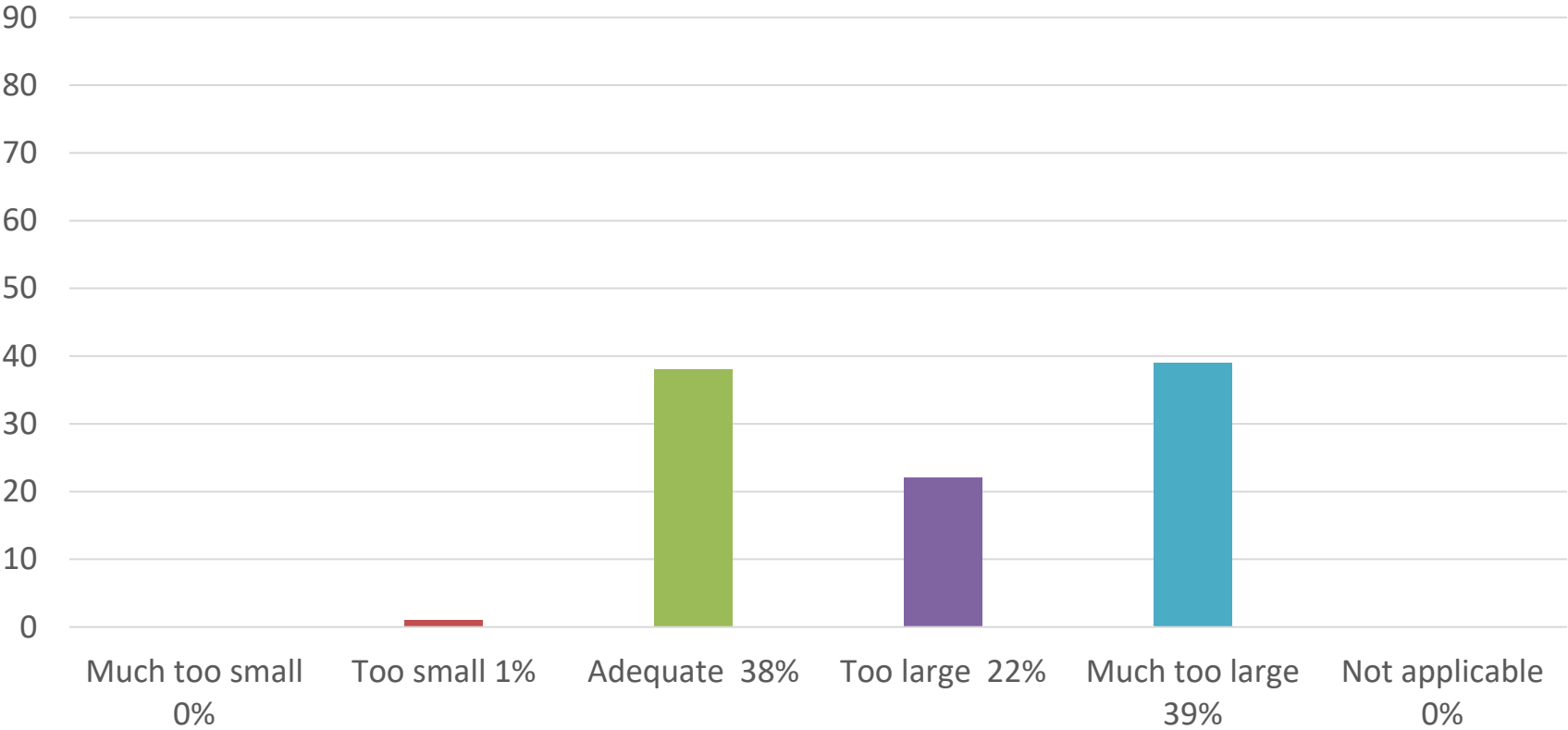


How would you describe the size of the meeting agenda? (number of agenda items)





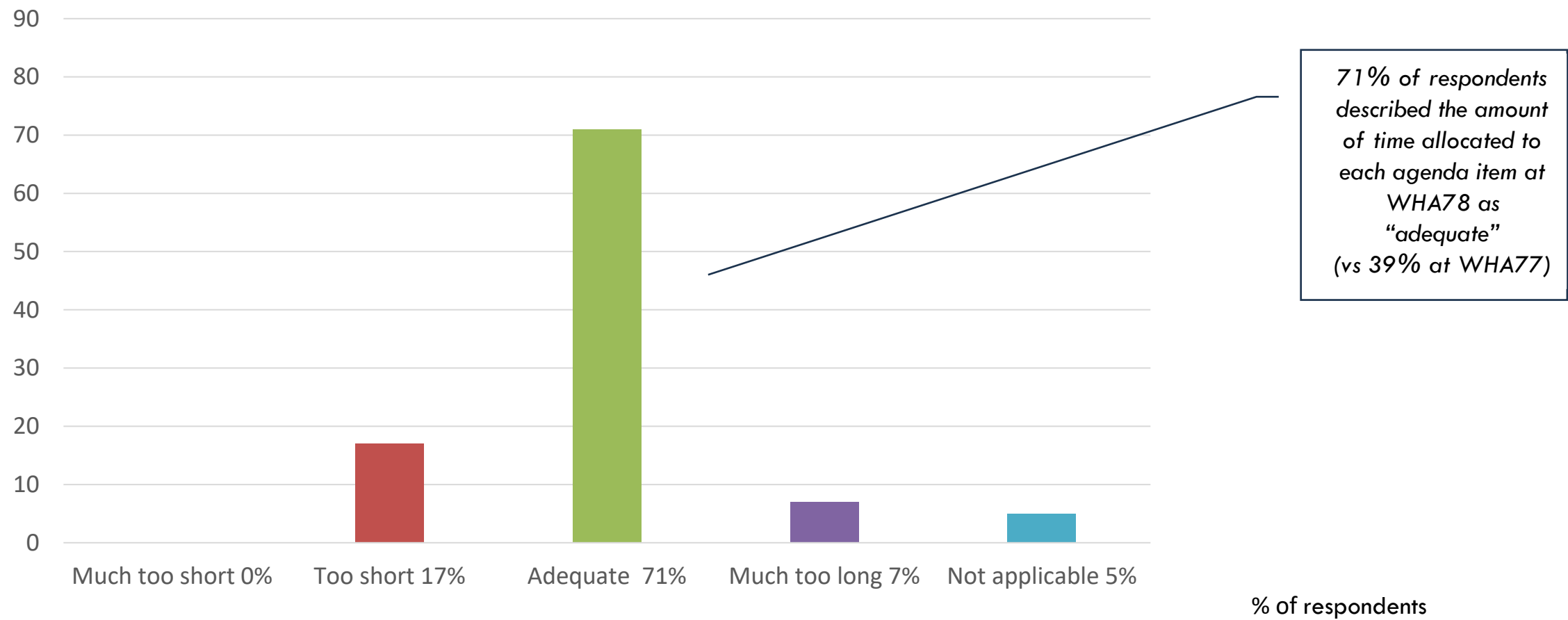
How would you describe the number of proposed resolutions and decisions?



% of respondents

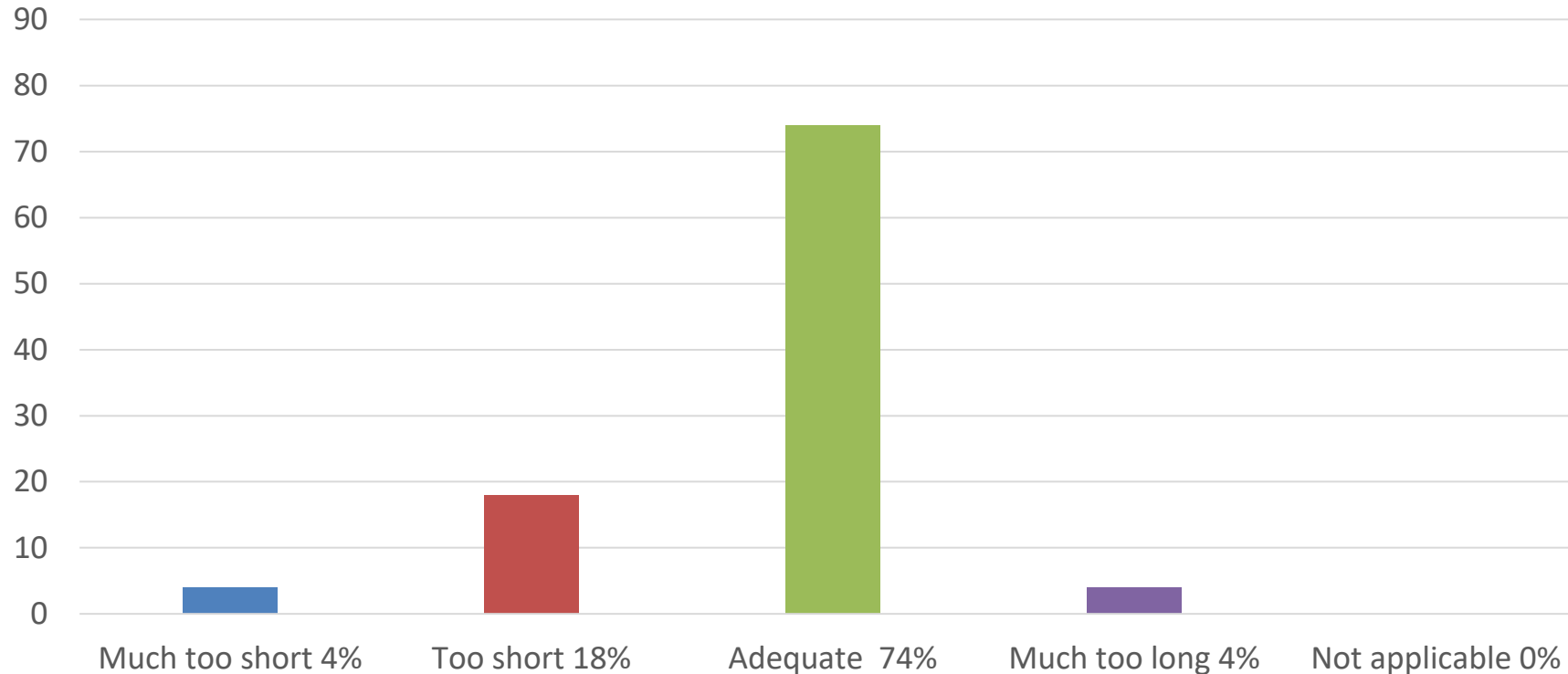


How would you describe the amount of time allocated to each agenda item?





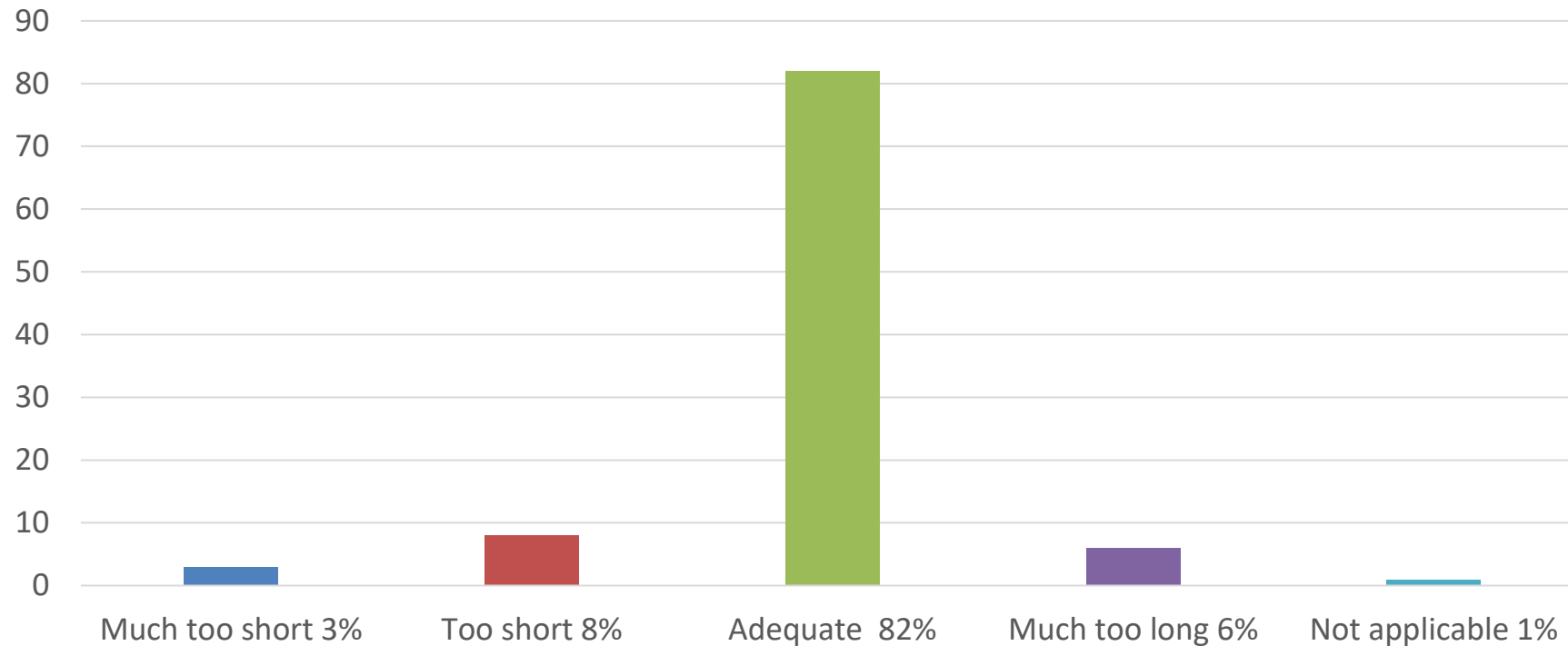
How would you describe the amount of time allocated to each speaker during the plenary (General discussion)?



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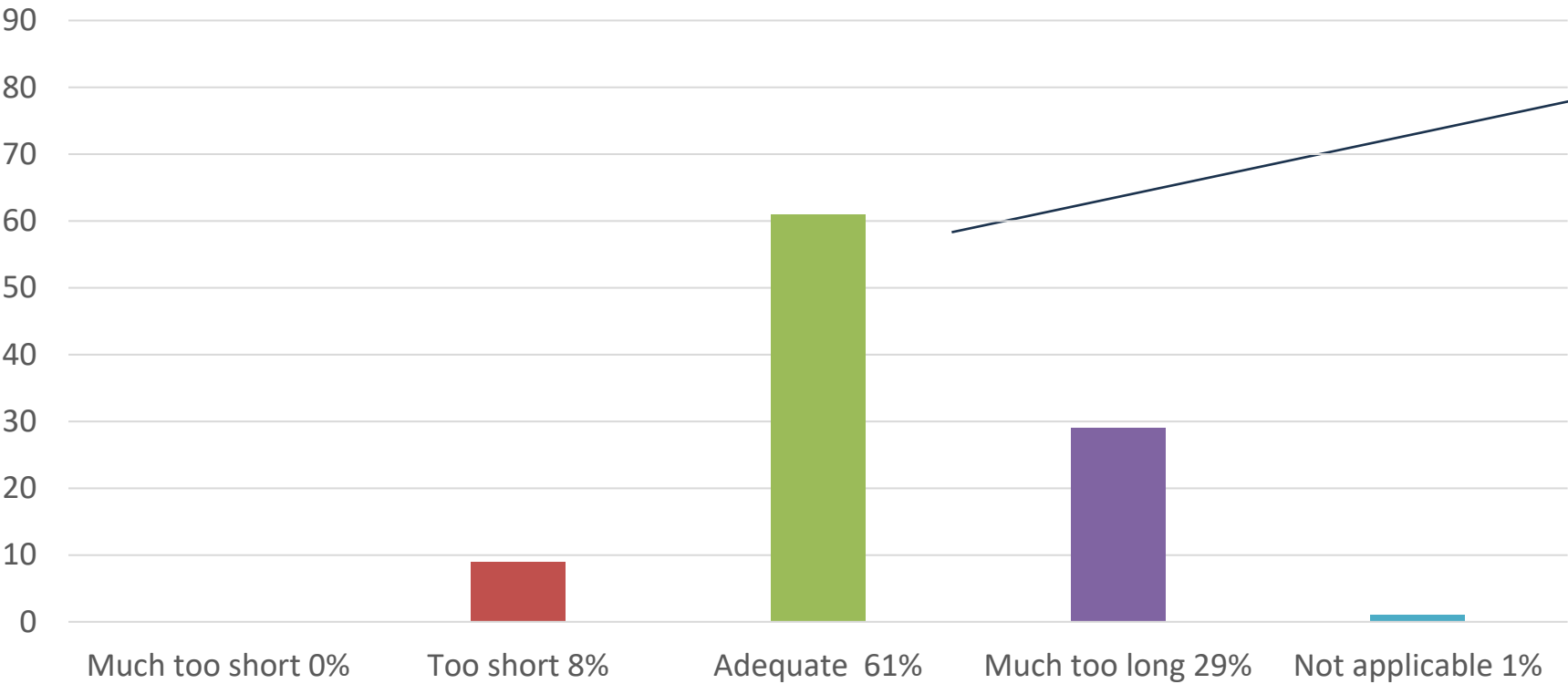
How would you describe the amount of time allocated to each speaker during the meetings of Committees A and B?



% of respondents



How would you describe the overall duration of Health Assembly (8 working days)?



61% of respondents described the overall duration of WHA78 as “adequate” at 8 working days (vs 46% at WHA77 at 6 working days)

% of respondents

Most delegates agreed on the importance of the following in terms of obtaining up-to-date information:



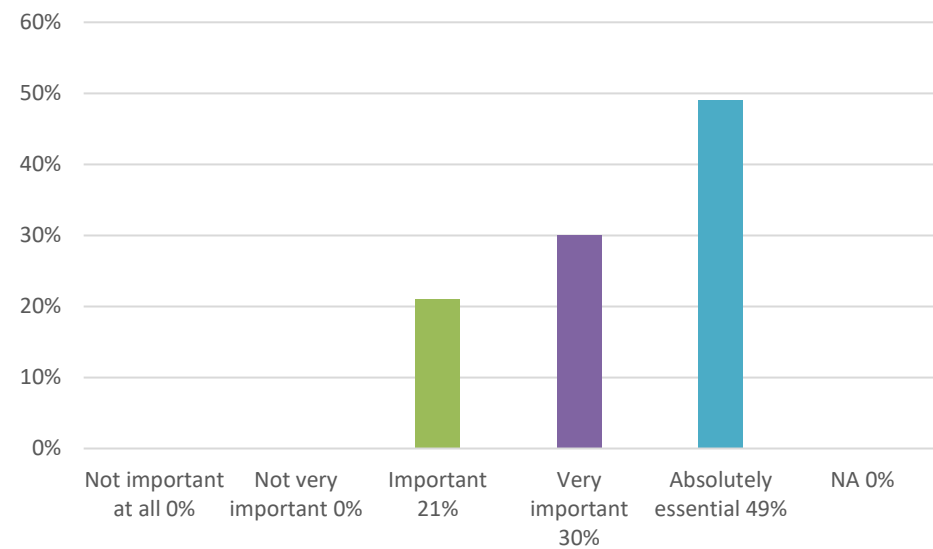
- The Daily Journal (100%) (93%)
- Consulting other Member State delegations (95%) (93%)
- Participating in daily regional meetings (93%) (86%)
- The WHA mobile application (91%) (85%)
- Consulting with Regional Coordinators (86%) (85%)
- Contacting the WHO Secretariat directly (85%) (85%)
- Consulting with Regional GBS Focal Points (76%) (NA)

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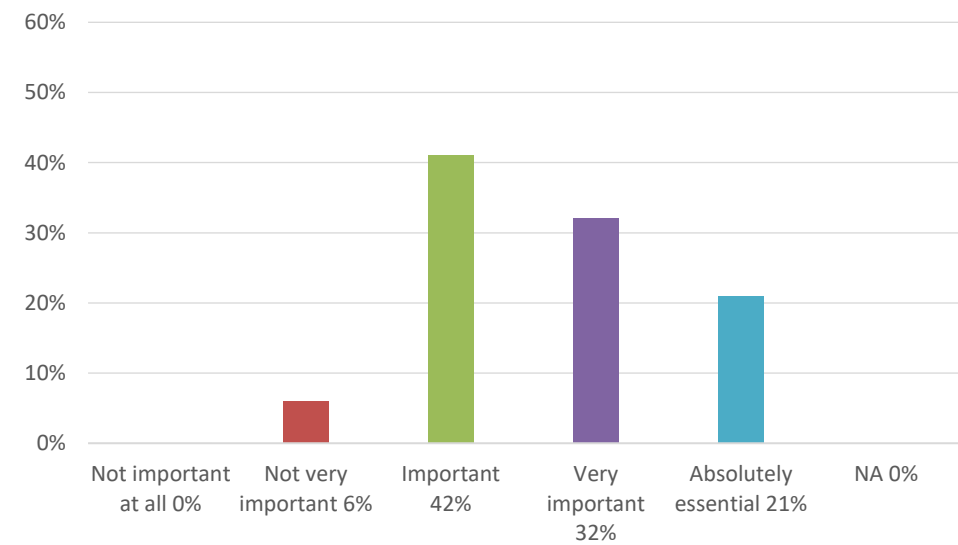
4. Staying informed during the Health Assembly cont.



How important were the following in terms of staying informed?



Daily Journal

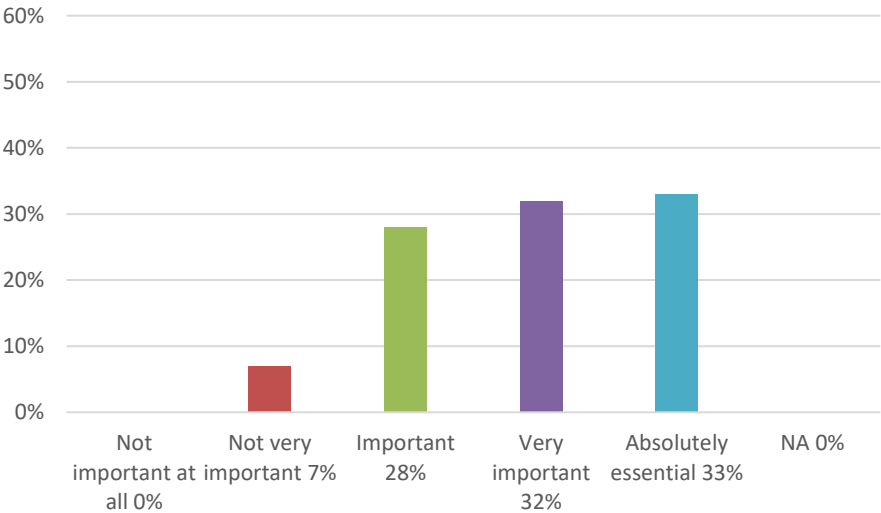


Consulting other Member State delegations

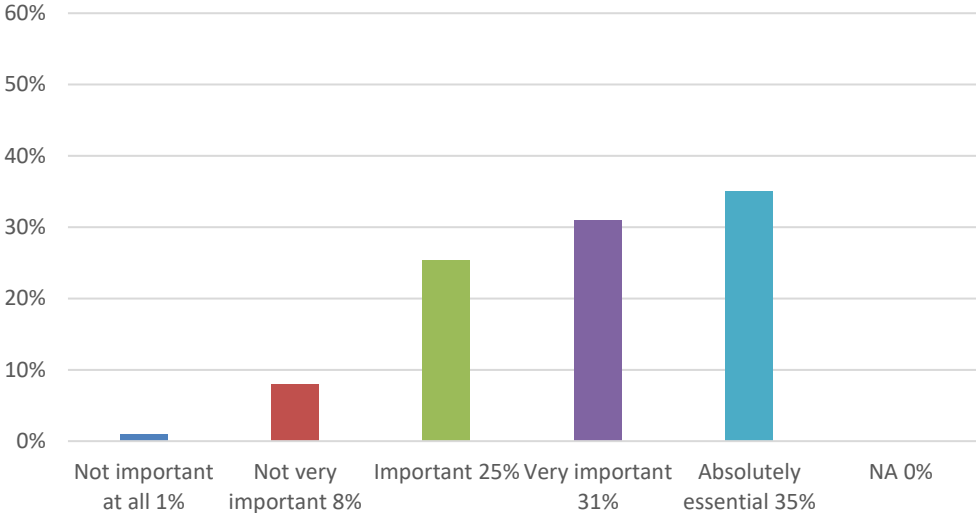
% of respondents

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Participating in daily regional meetings

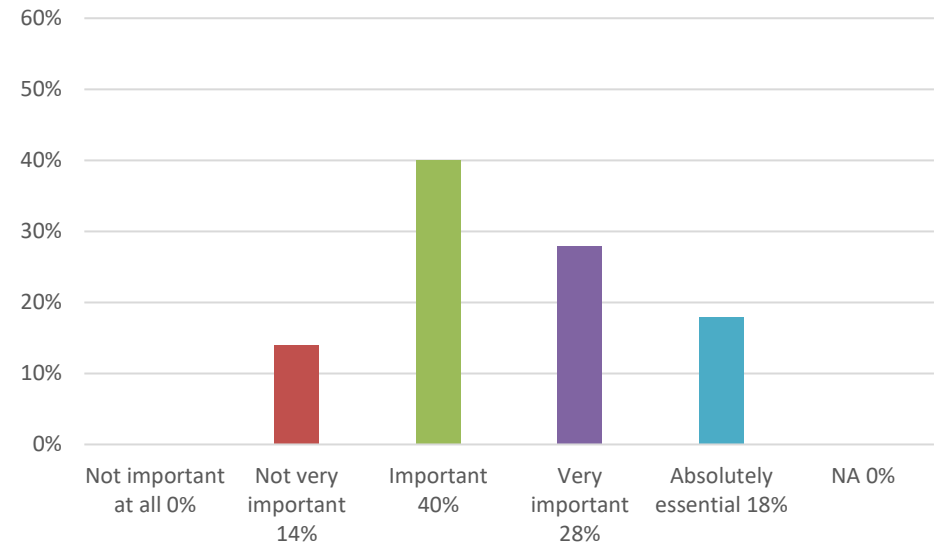


WHA mobile application

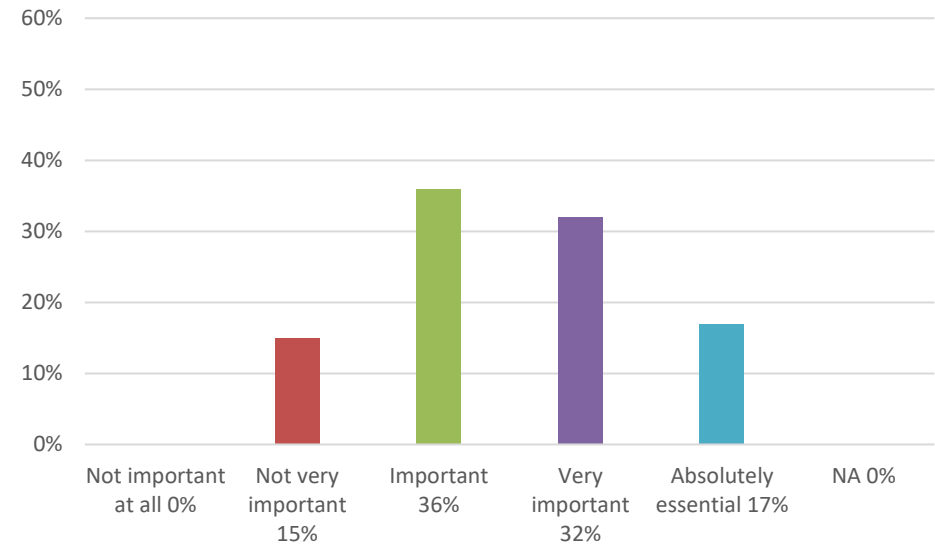
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Consulting with Regional Coordinators

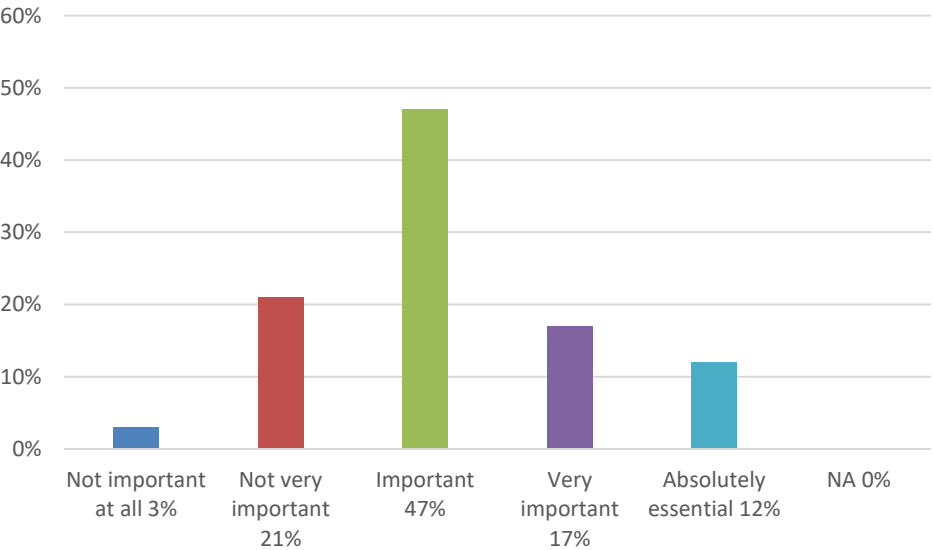


Contacting the WHO Secretariat directly

% of respondents



How important were the following in terms of staying informed?



Consulting with Regional GBS Focal Points

% of respondents



In relation to the Programme, Budget and Administration Committee meeting held on 14-16 May 2025:

58% of respondents felt it was helpful to receive machine translated versions of reports in all official languages in advance of their consideration by the Committee (38% of respondents selected “N/A”).