

SURVEY RESULTS

Short Survey for Civil Society on the
United Nations Commission on the Status
of Women (CSW) Working Methods



For the 66th Commission on the Status of Women (or CSW66), we have the opportunity to influence the CSW Methods of Work through recommendations for new working methods.

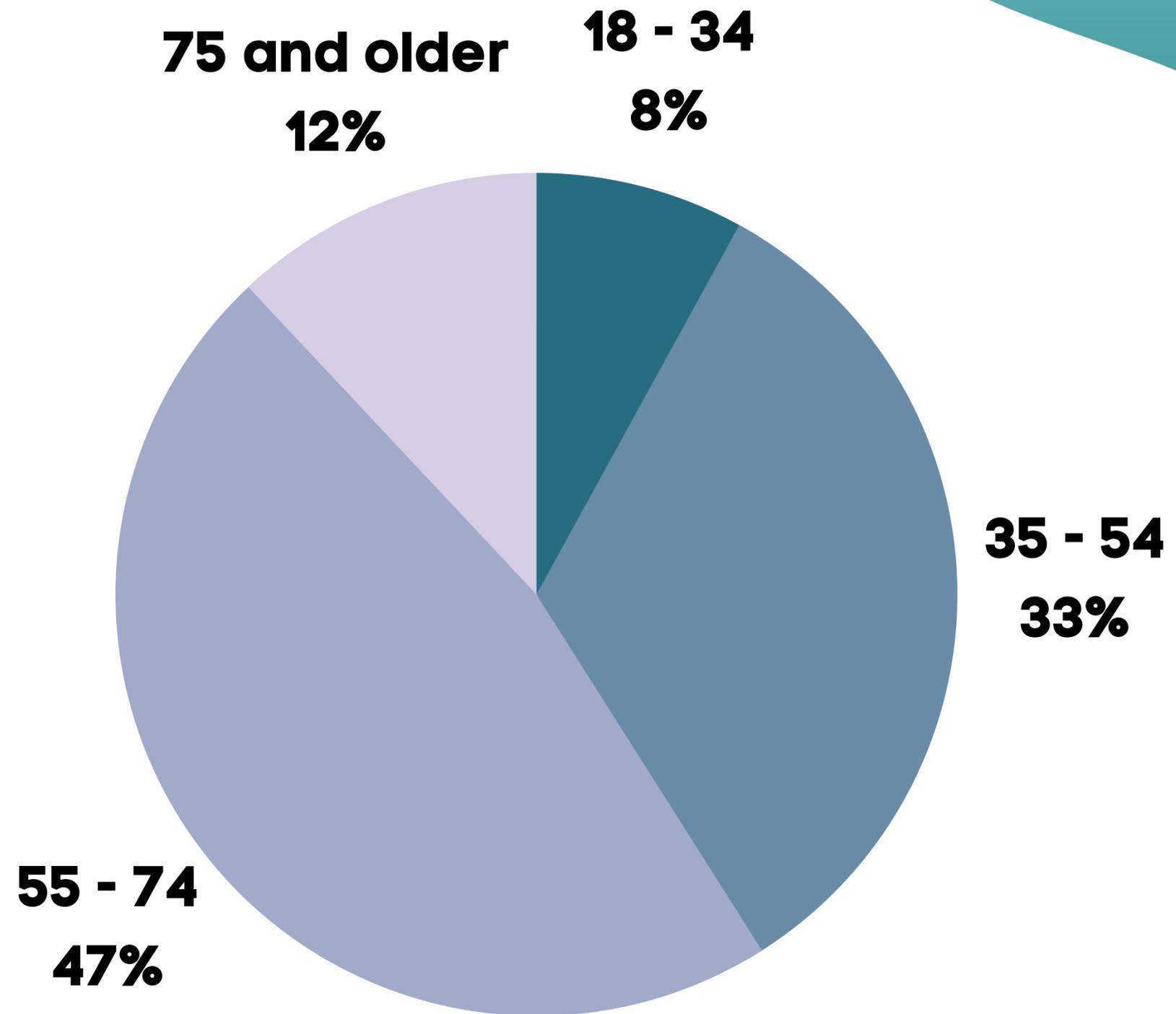
The CSW Methods of Work, established by ECOSOC resolution 2015/6, determine what will be undertaken during each session of the Commission. It is essential that civil society continues to push for our participation and full engagement in the process leading up to and during the CSW session in March.

After the disappointing CSW65 Agreed Conclusions, it was clear that the CSW process is not as effective, inclusive, or intersectional as it should be. Therefore, NGO CSW/NY's Advocacy Research Group (ARG) launched a survey as the first step to campaign for a more effective CSW process. The survey provided essential data to support our arguments for new CSW working methods and put pressure on the UN and CSW Bureau to be more inclusive of civil society and our priorities. See the results of the survey here.

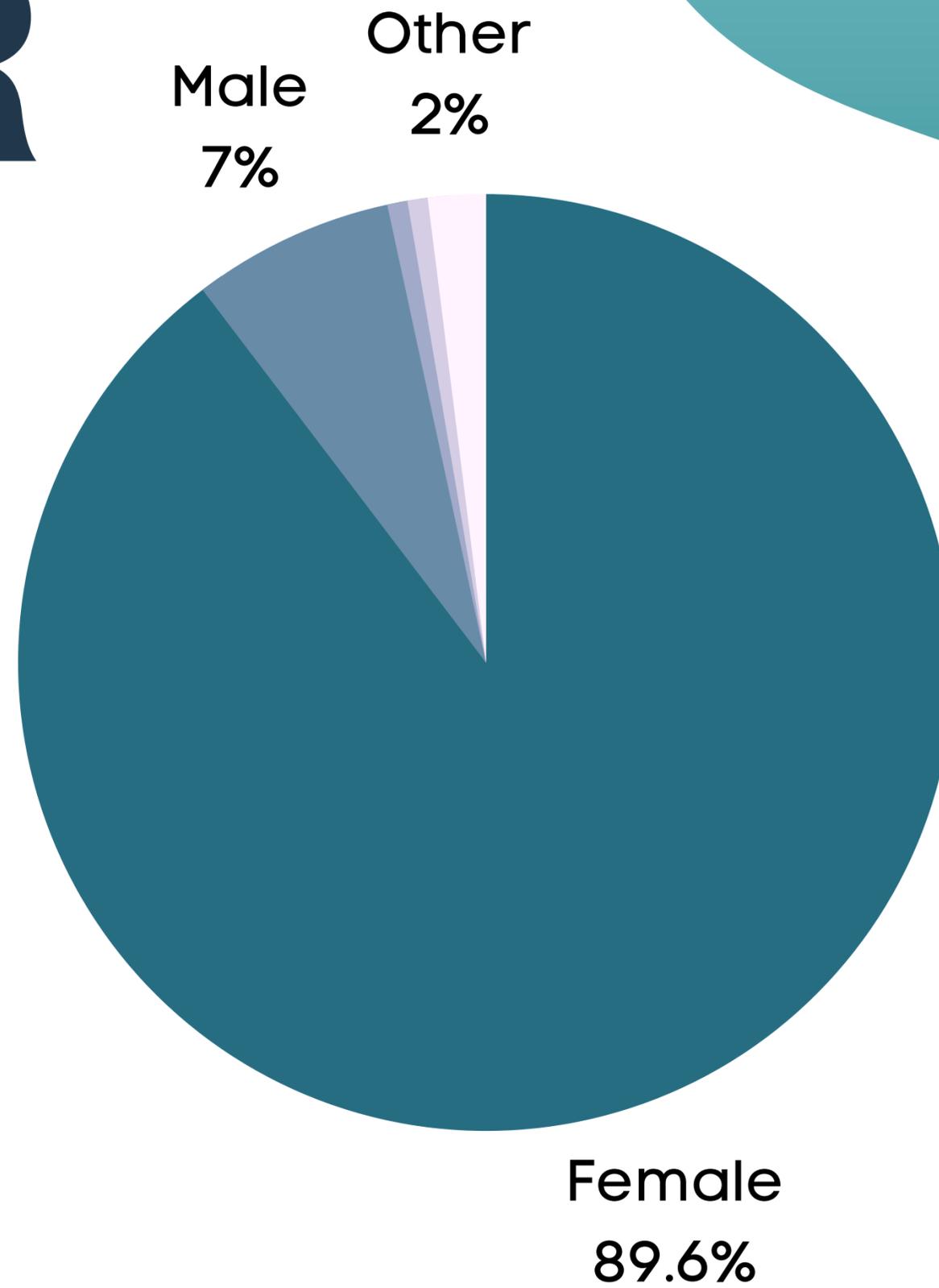
To collect more concise information, the ARG launched a shorter survey to ensure that we represent the opinions and recommendations of our community. The survey collected information about individuals' experiences at CSW and their recommendations for better working methods for CSW66. **This presentation outlines the results of the shorter survey. The results reflect the experiences and views of 584 respondents across the globe.**

Introduction

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Respondents from

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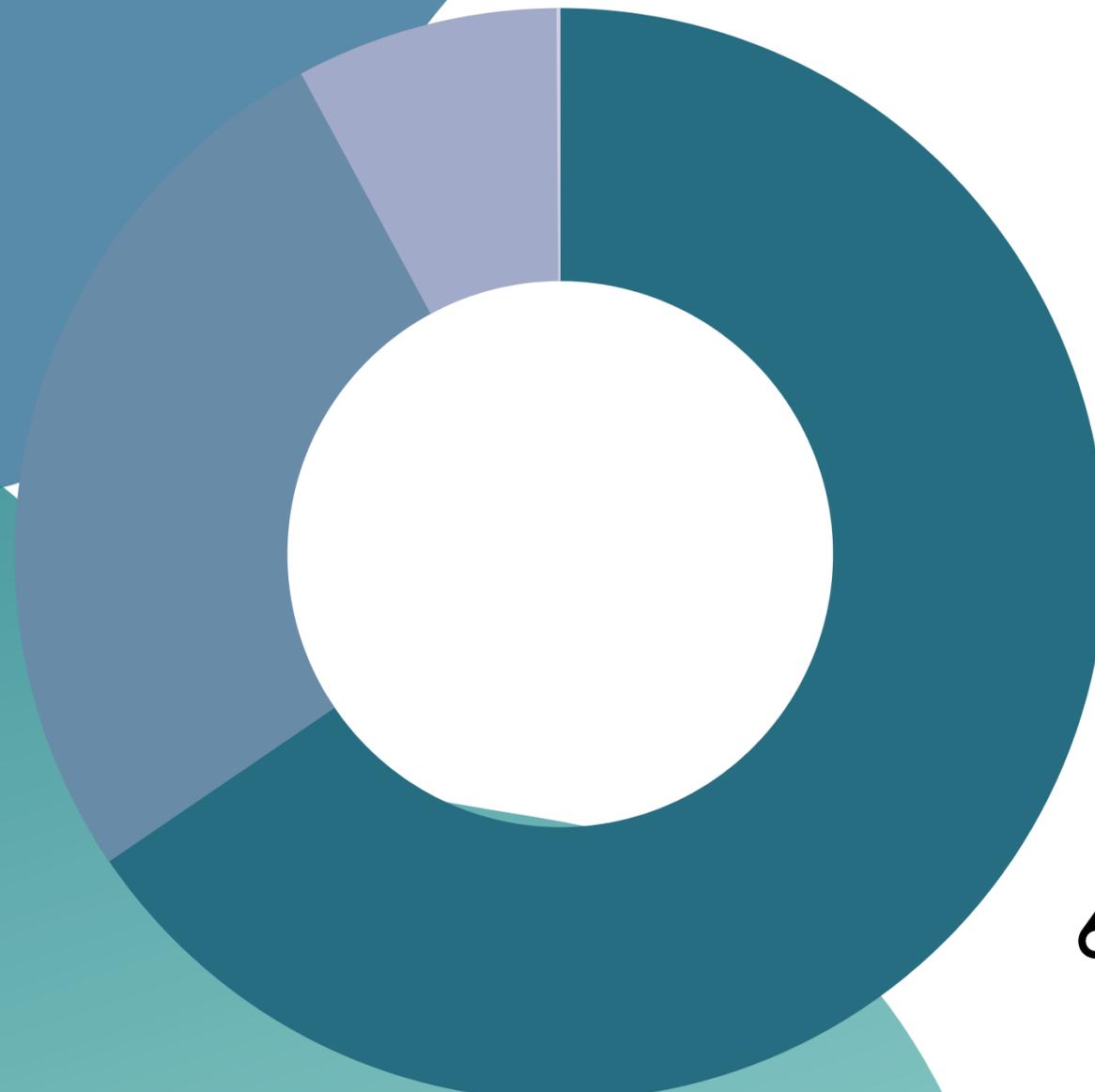
COUNTRIES

Is your organization ECOSOC-accredited?

I'm not affiliated with an organization

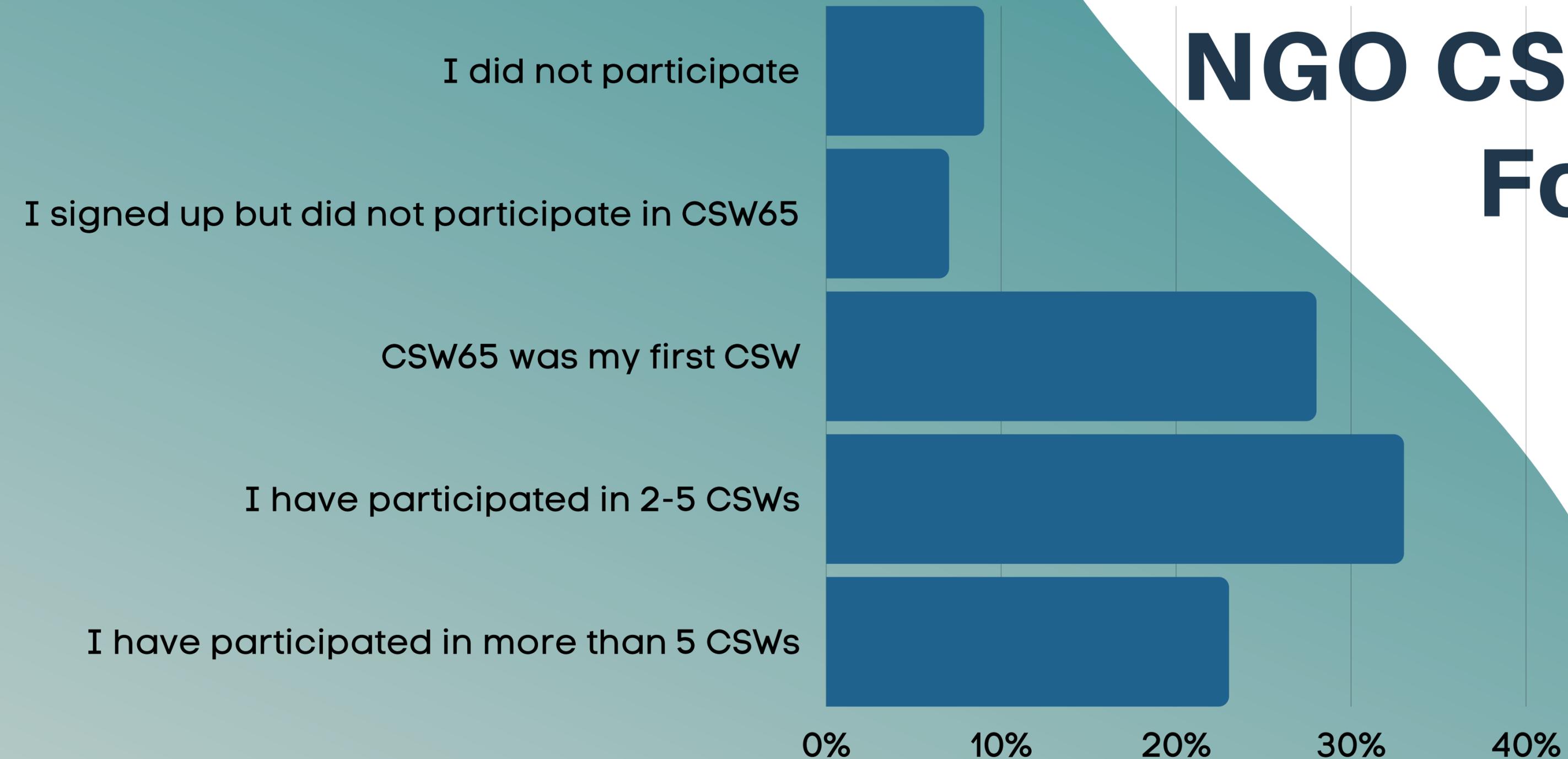
7.8%

No
26.6%



Yes
65.5%

Participation in CSW65 and NGO CSW65 Forum



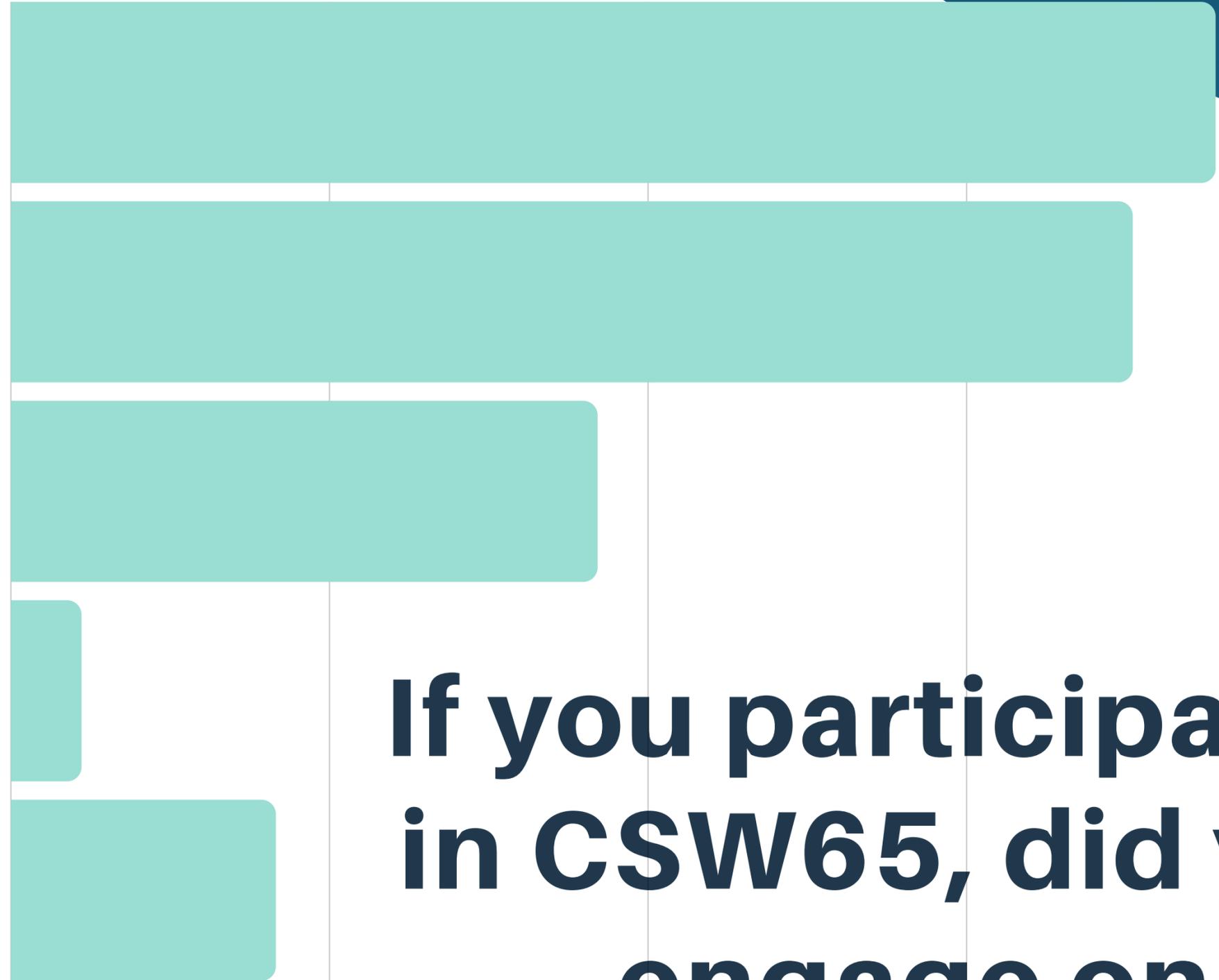
The NGO CSW Forum organized by the NGO Committee on the Status of Women/NY

Official UN CSW Events (Side Events) organized by the Commission and UN Women

Independently organized Events (Not held as part of the Forum or by the Commission)

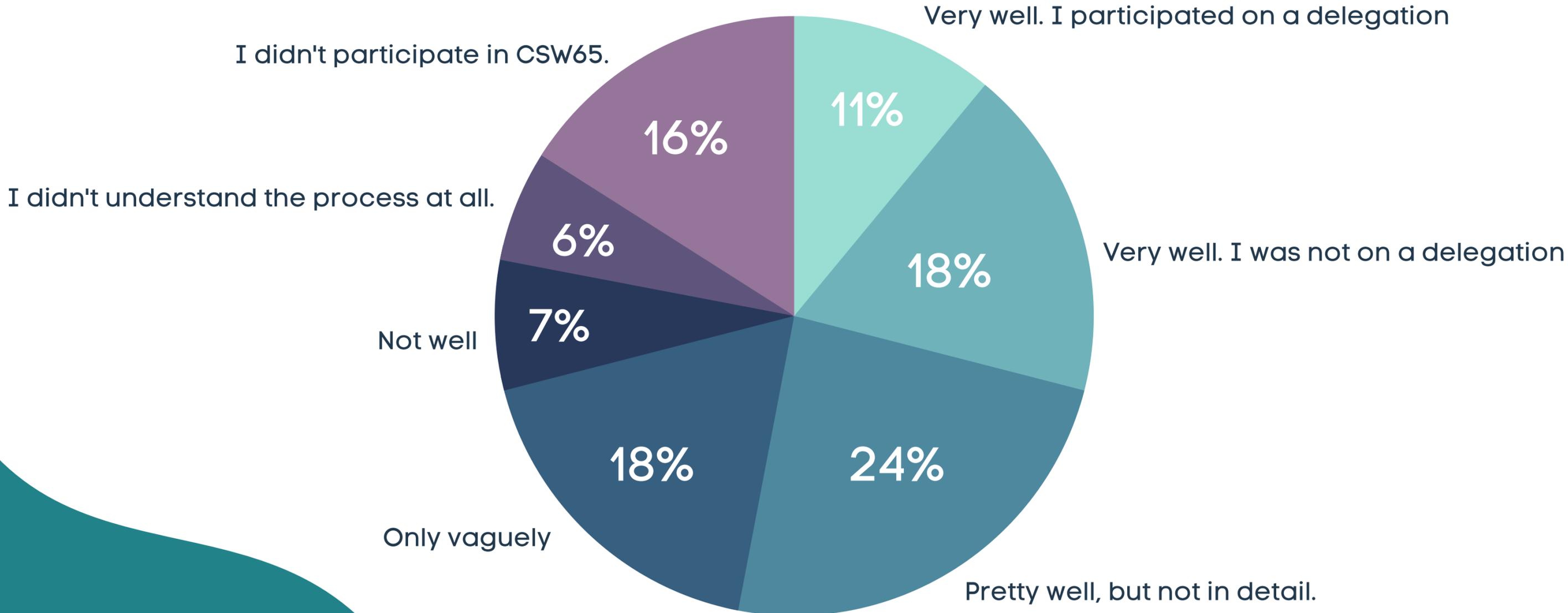
None

I didn't participate in CSW65

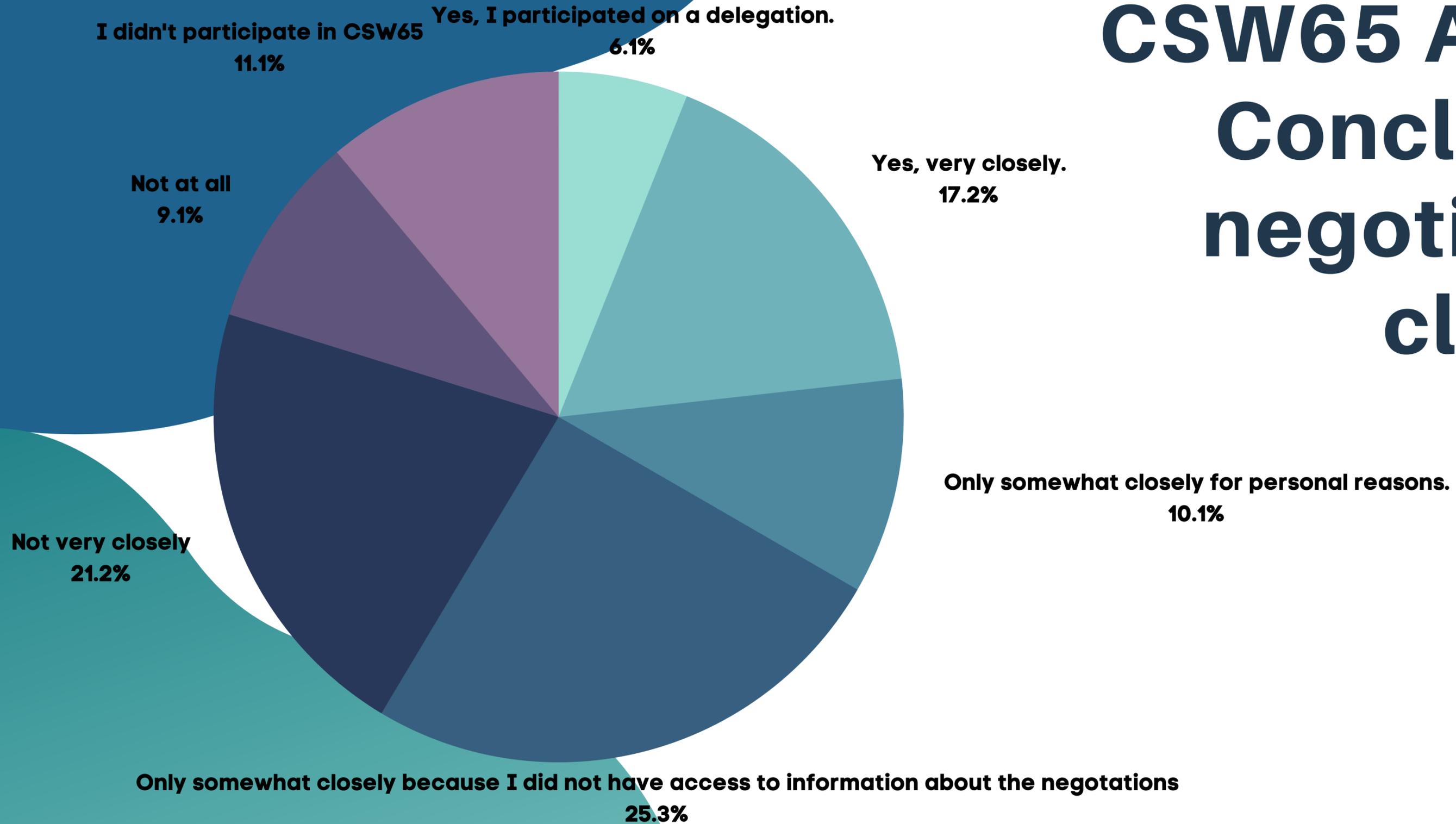


If you participated in CSW65, did you engage online
(select all that apply)

If you participated in CSW65, how well did you understand the process the member states (governments) went through to negotiate the CSW Agreed Conclusions?



Did you follow the CSW65 Agreed Conclusions negotiations closely?



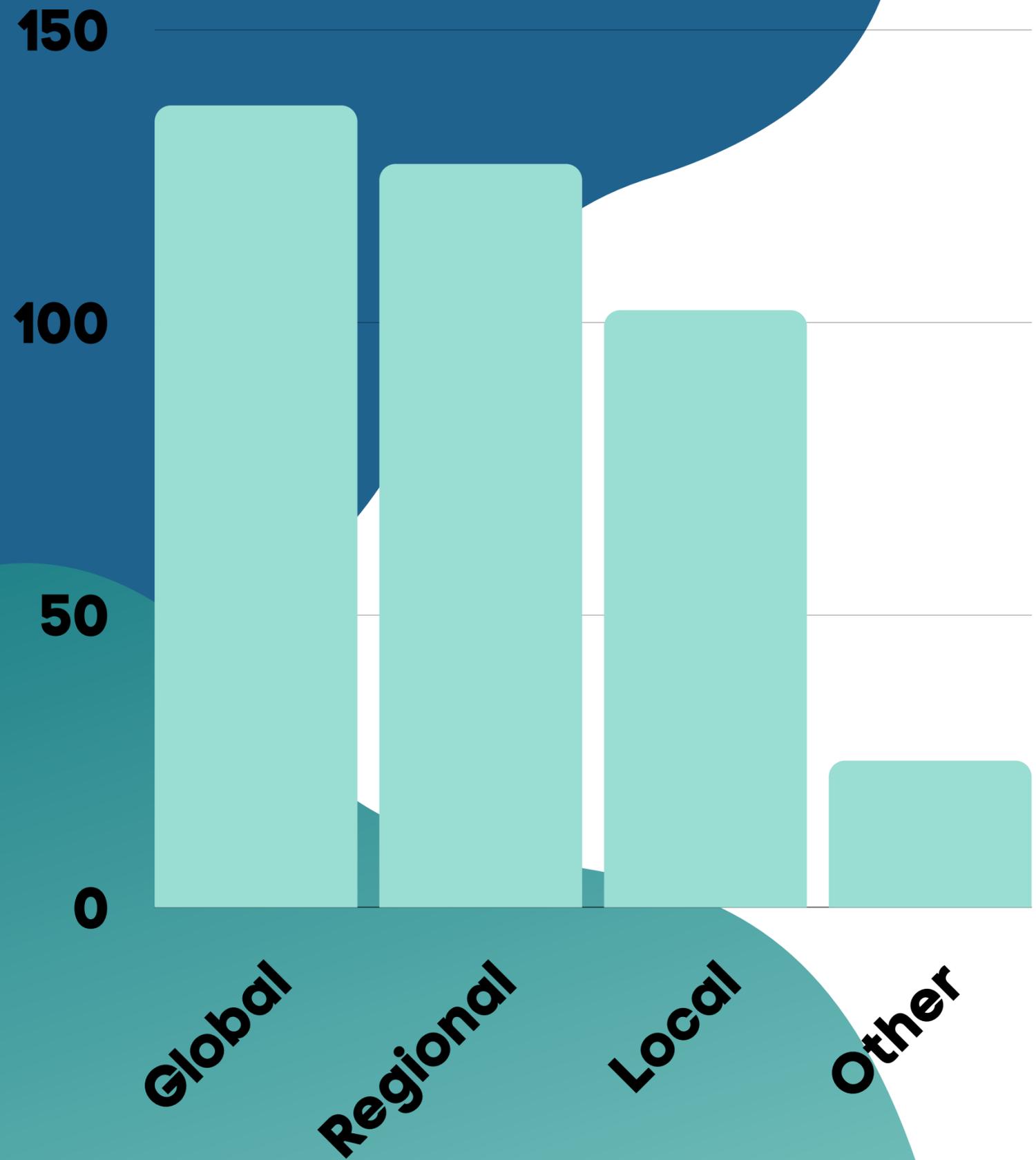
**If you were NOT on
a government
delegation, were
you engaged at a
global, regional or
local level in
preparing for
CSW65?**

**Yes
53%**

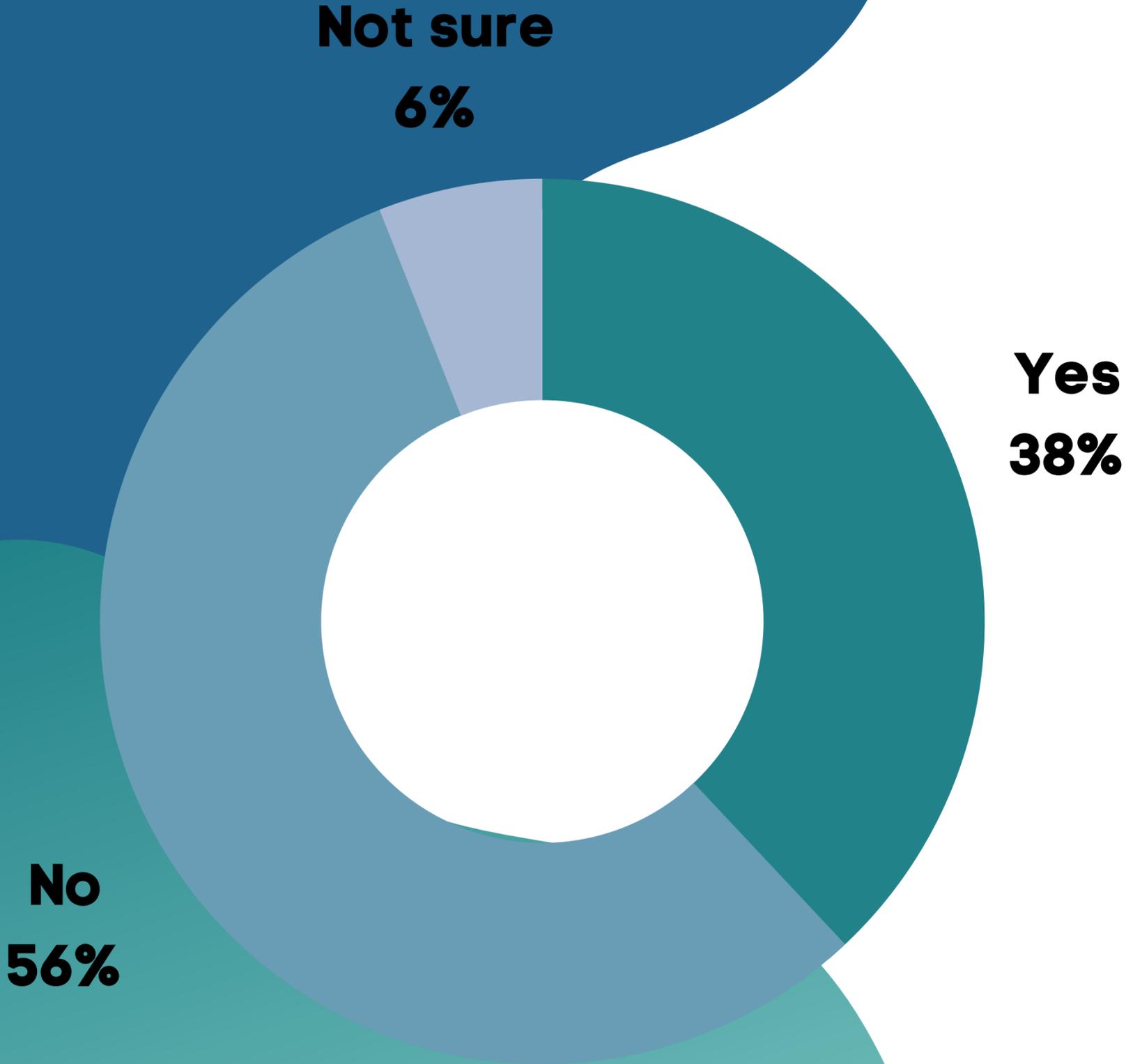
**No
47%**



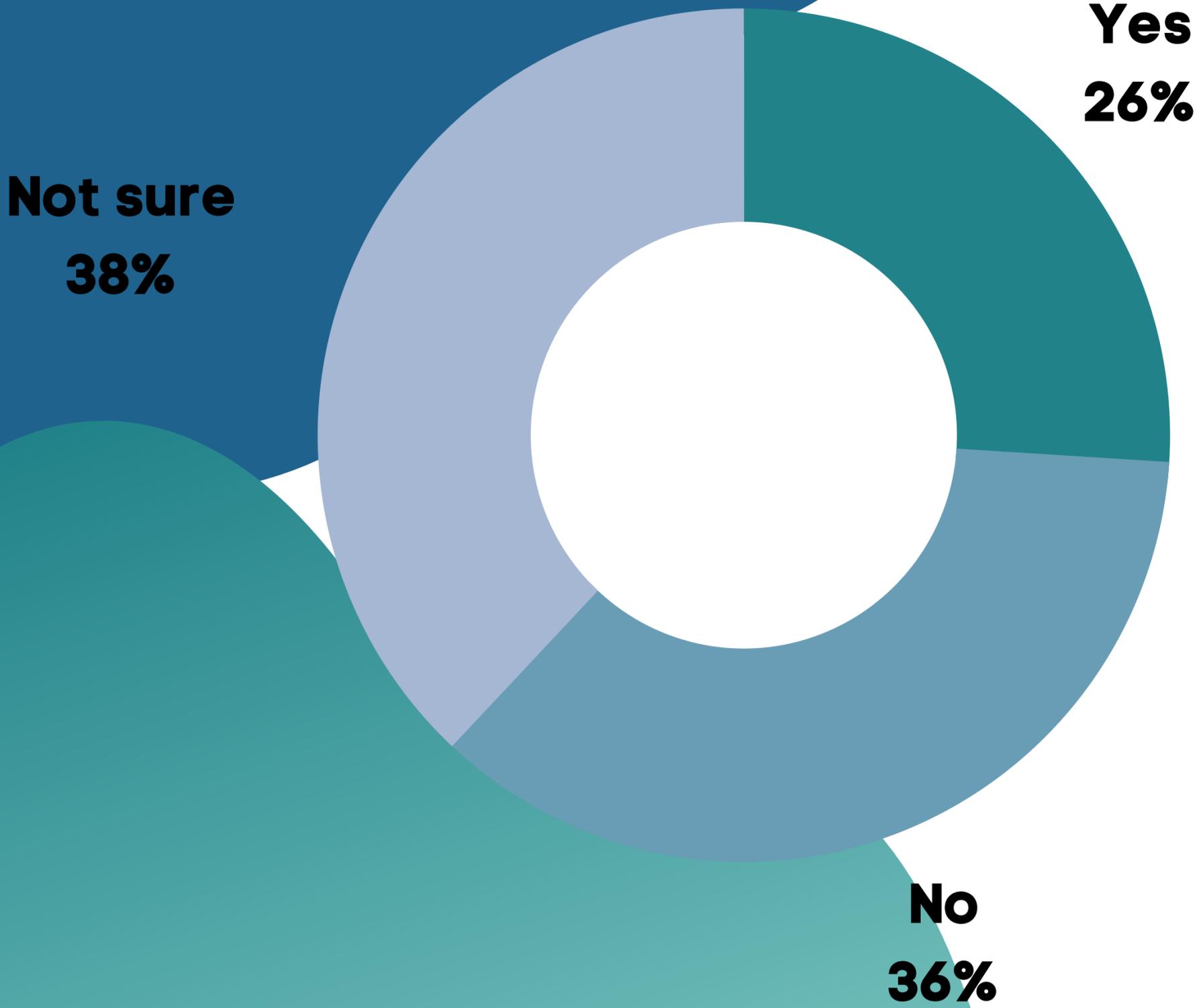
**If you answered
YES to Question 9
(previous slide),
at what level were
you engaged?
(select all that
apply)**



**If you answered
YES to Question 9,
were you able to
engage with
representatives
from your
government?**



**If you answered
YES to Question 9,
were you satisfied
that your
engagement had
an impact on the
Agreed
Conclusions?**



Did you interact with your member state's official delegation during CSW65?

Yes and I got a lot out of the experience

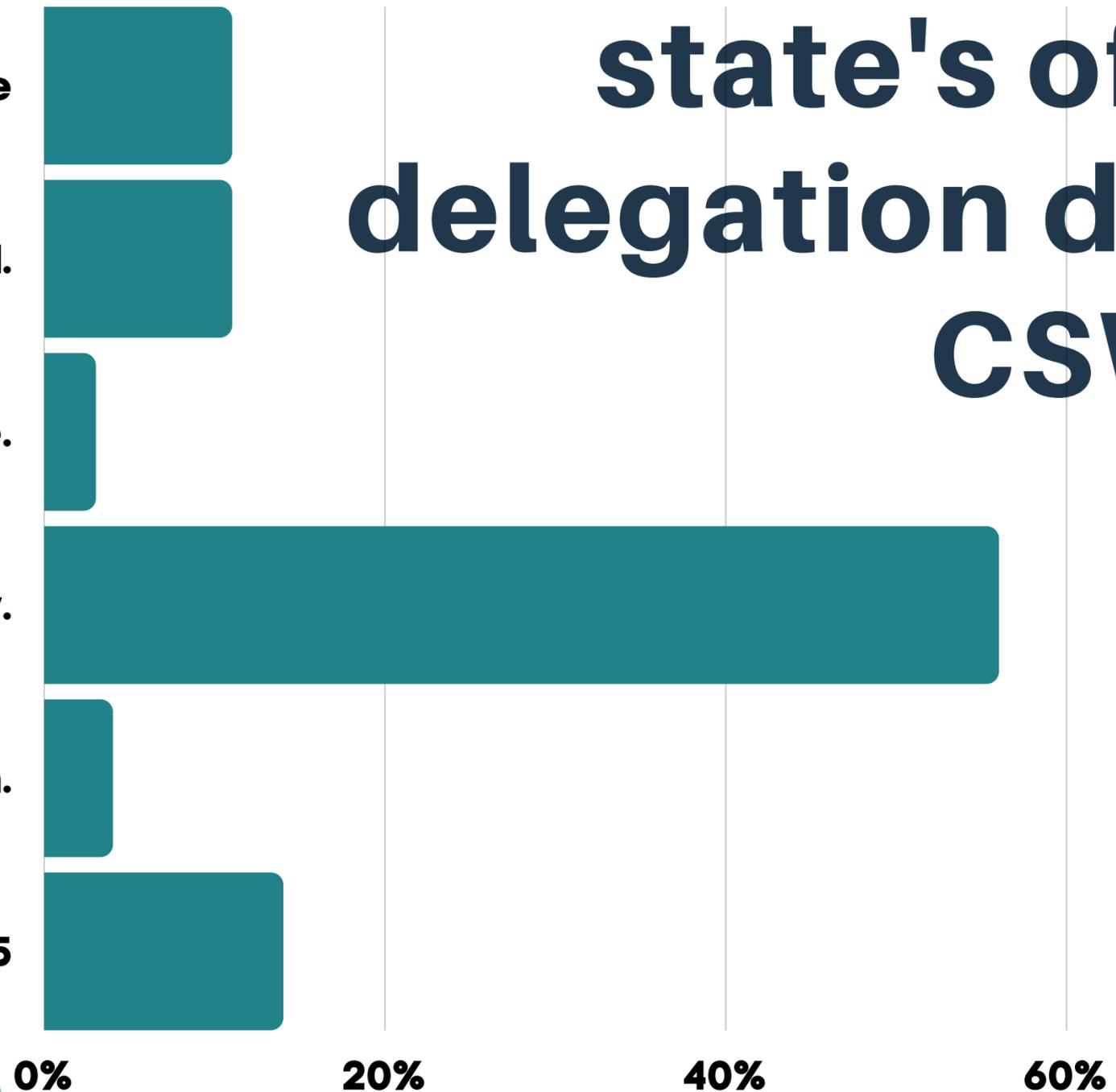
Yes, and the experience was neutral.

Yes, but it was not worth my time.

No, but I would have if I had the opportunity.

No, and I would not be interested in engaging with them.

I didn't participate in CSW65



Did you otherwise interact with your member state's permanent mission or representatives during CSW65?

Yes and I got a lot out of the experience

Yes, and the experience was neutral.

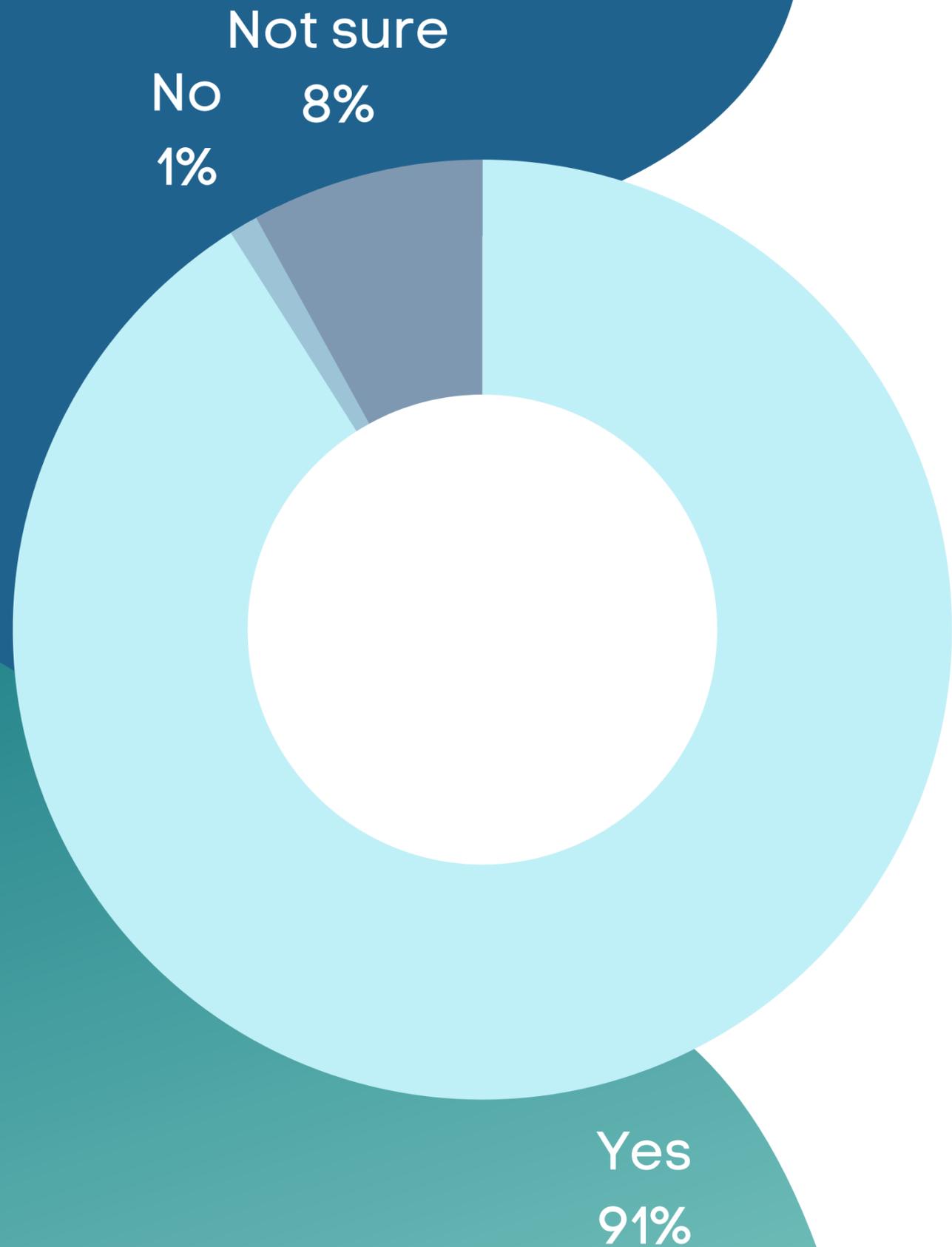
Yes, but it was not worth my time.

No, but I would have if I had the opportunity.

No, and I would not be interested in engaging with them.

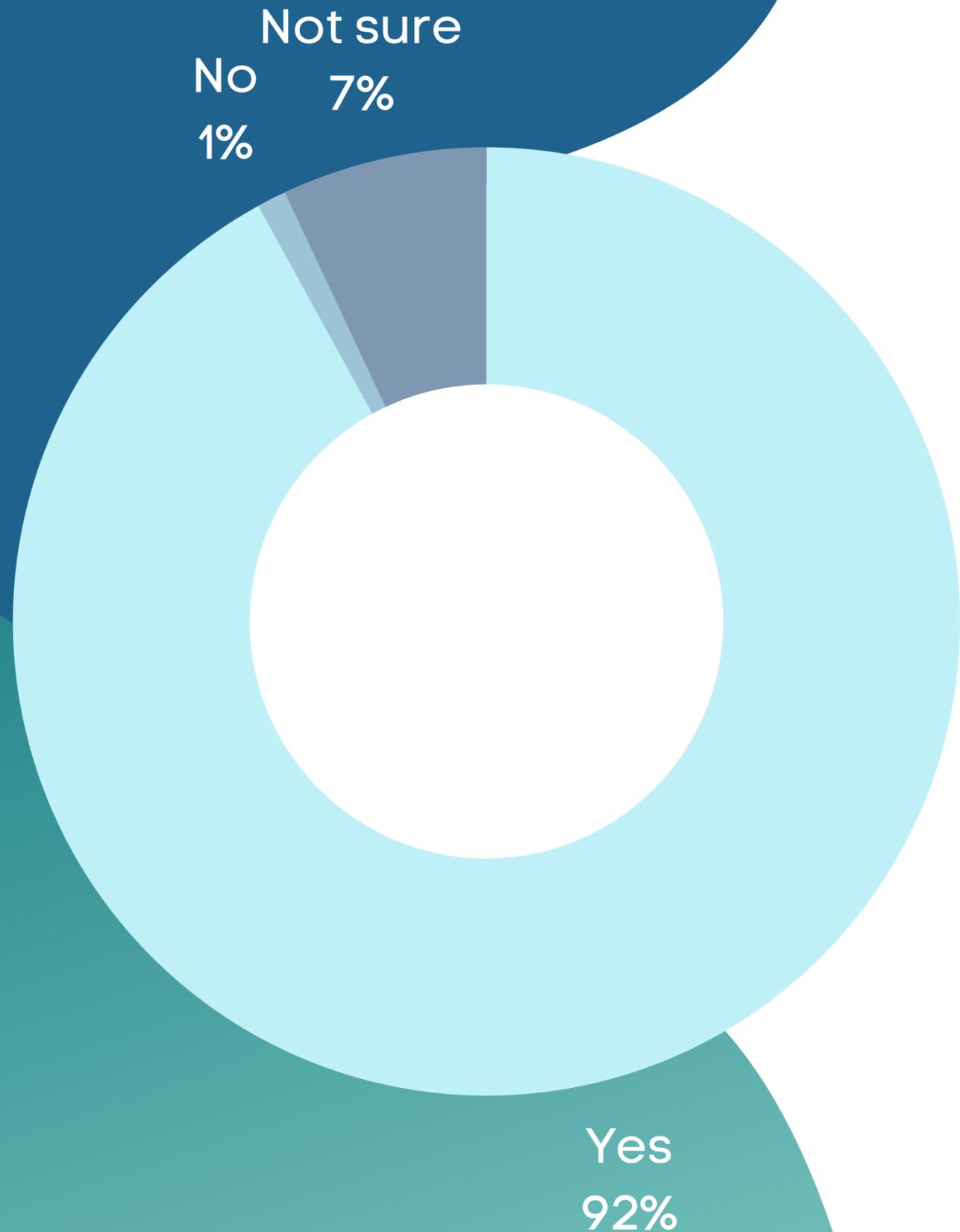
I didn't participate in CSW65





Do you believe that civil society should be permitted to observe the Agreed Conclusions negotiations during CSW whether they are on a delegation or not?

Do you believe that allowing civil society representatives to observe the CSW agreed conclusions negotiations should be recommended for the CSW Working Methods review scheduled for CSW66?



Having a virtual CSW allowed for a diversity of participation that is not possible in person

CSW should be a hybrid of in-person and virtual

CSW should be in-person as soon as it is safe to travel internationally

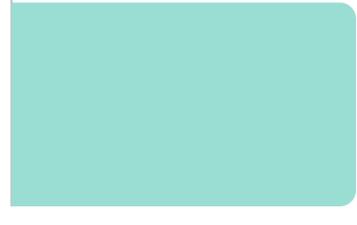
CSW should remain a virtual event

Access to the UN process of CSW65 was limited because of the virtual format

Civil society had more impact during an in-person CSW

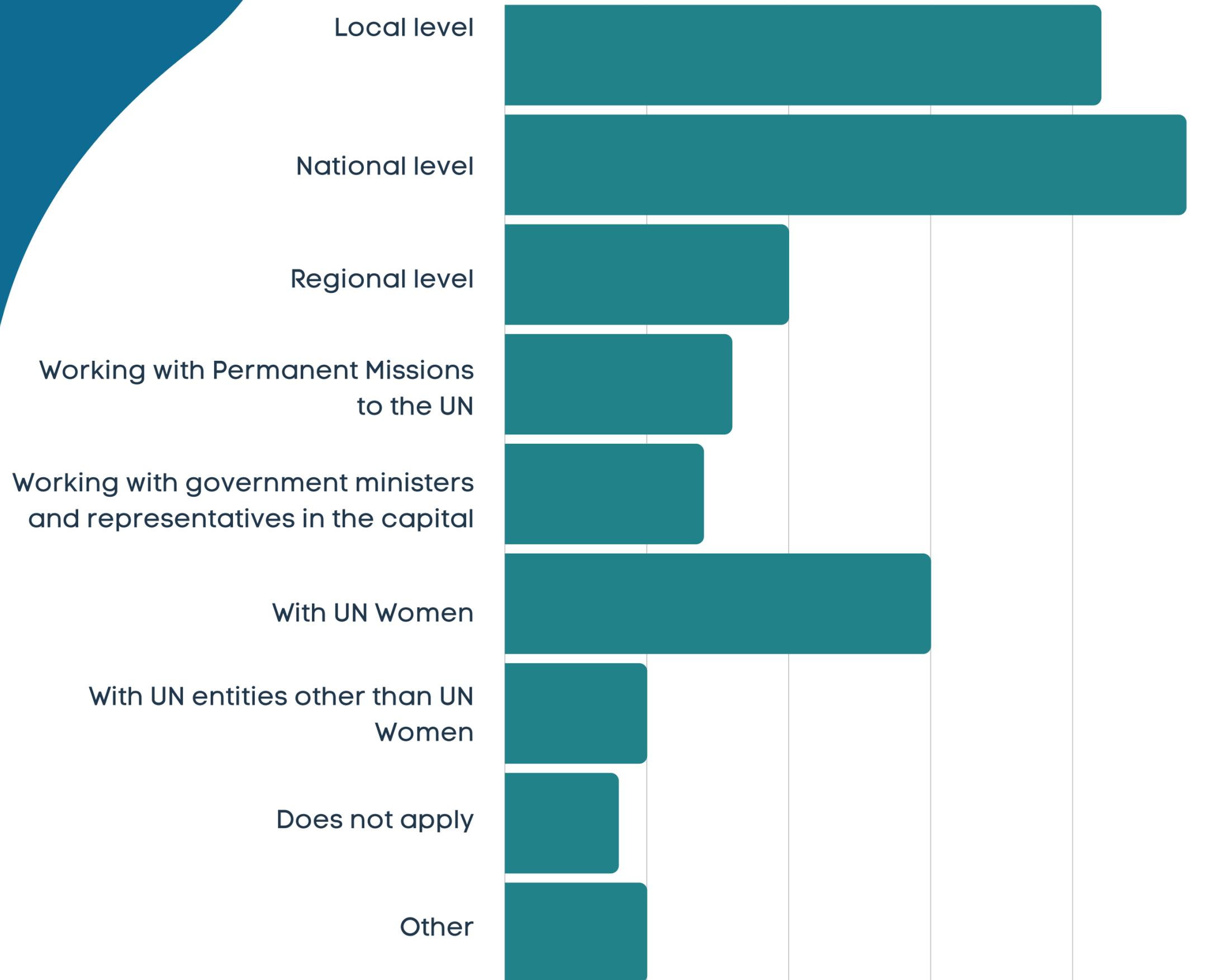
Civil society had less impact during an in-person CSW

I didn't attend CSW



If you have engaged in person at CSW in the past and virtually during CSW65, please select all that apply.

Where do you feel your organization has the most impact on gender equality issues?



Have you read the CSW65 Agreed Conclusions?

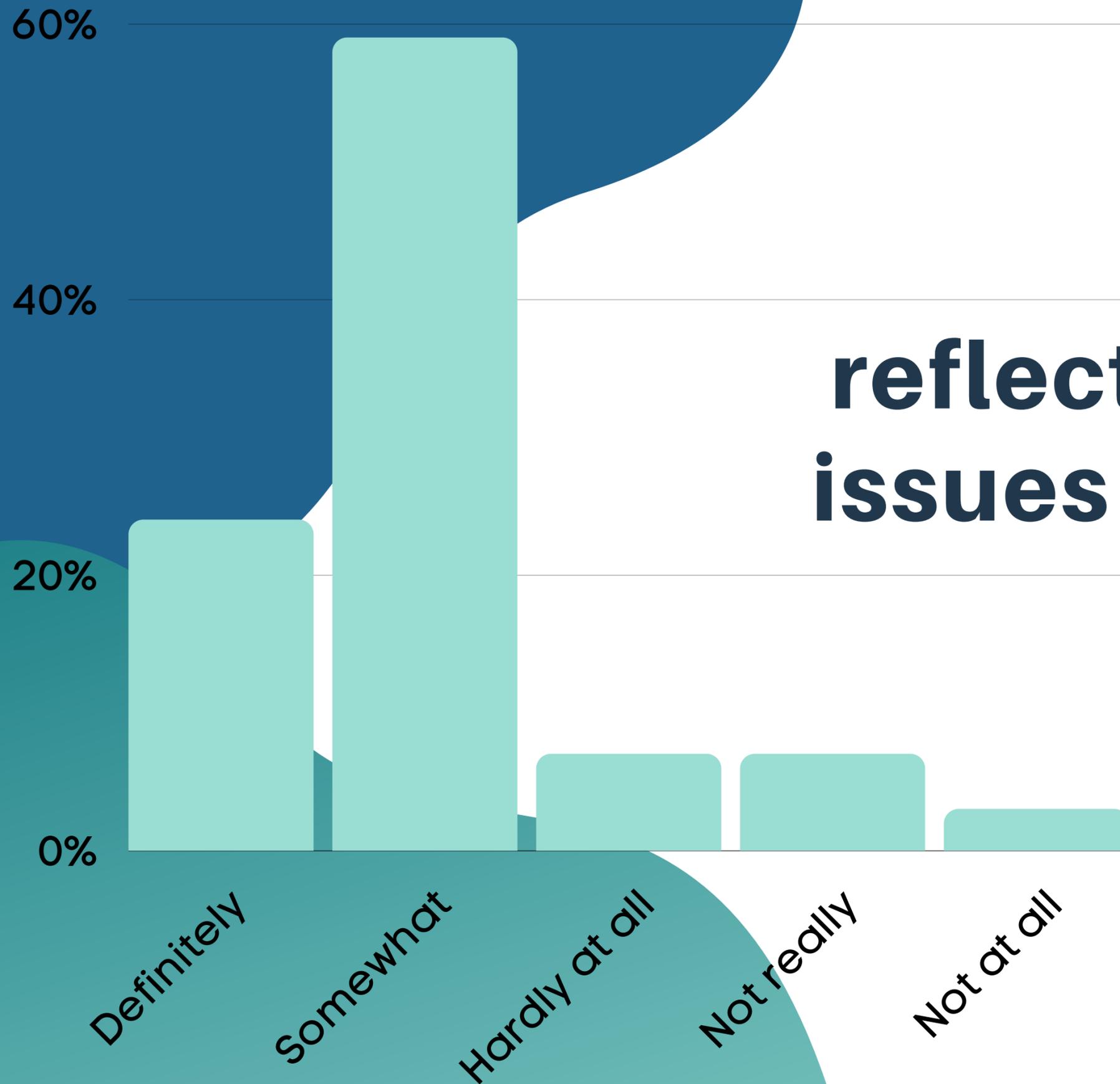
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YES

32%

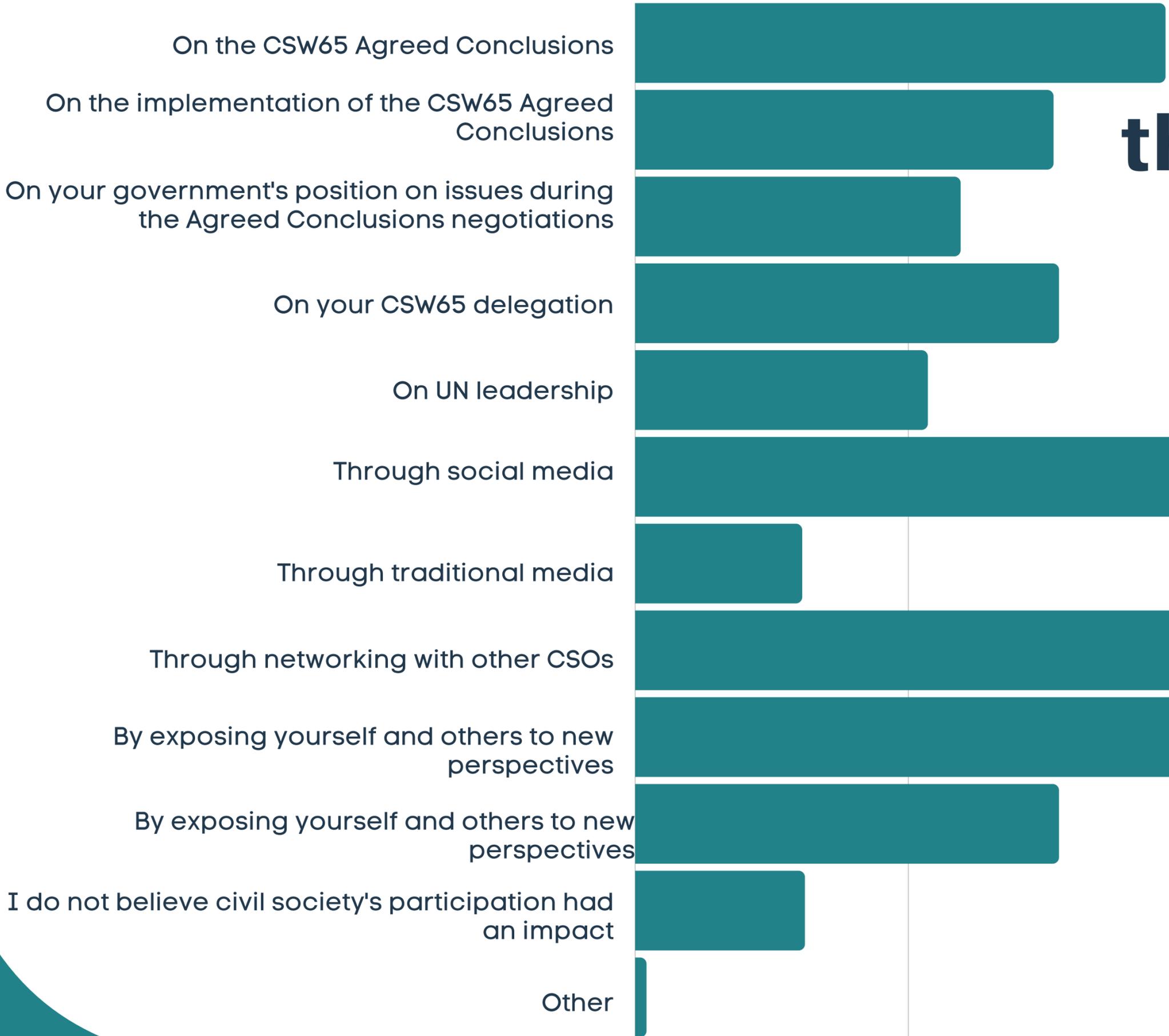
NO

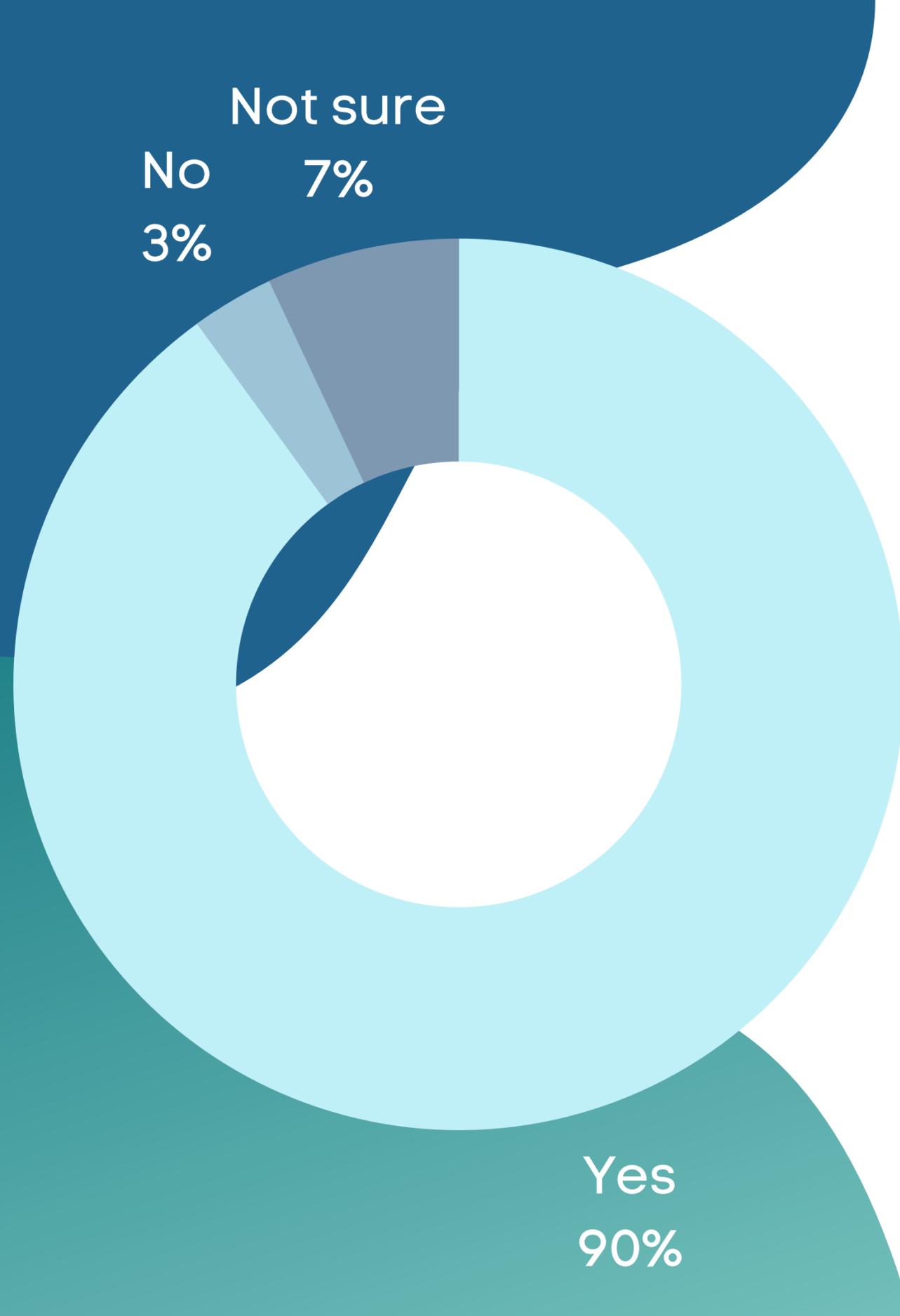
**If yes, were they
reflective of the critical
issues affecting women
in your region?**



Do you believe that civil society's participation in CSW65 had an impact?

(select all that apply)

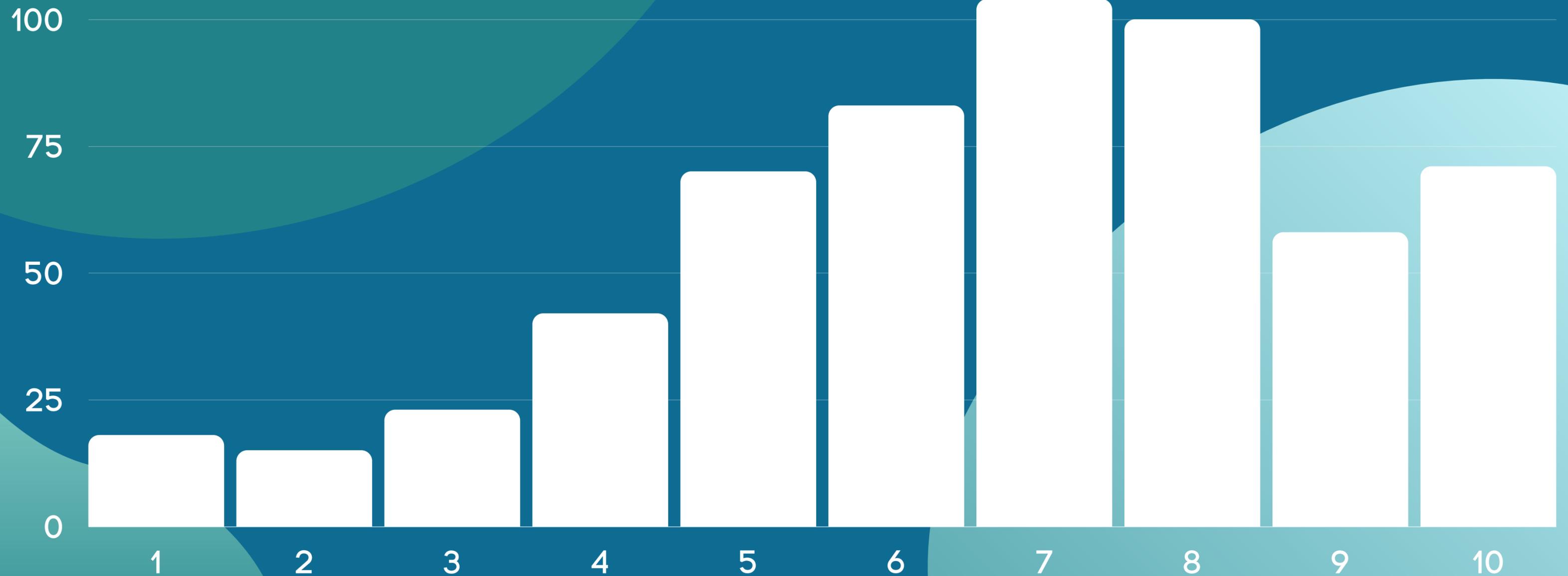




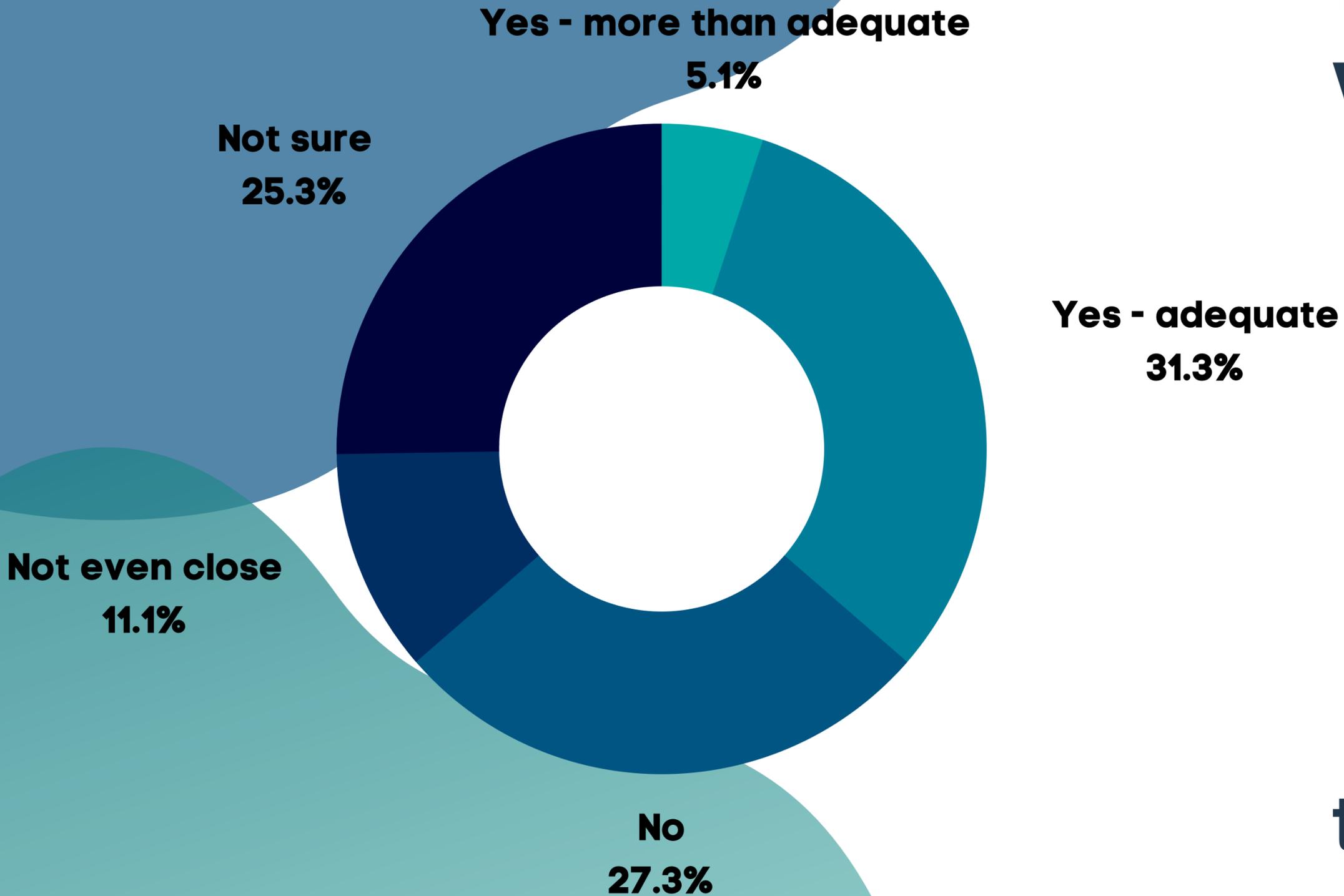
Do you believe that CSW Agreed Conclusions negotiators should be at least 50% women?

From your perspective, indicate how well the CSW is living up to the following statement:

“The active participation of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) is a critical element in the work of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). NGOs have been influential in shaping the current global policy framework on women’s empowerment and gender equality: the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. They continue to play an important role in holding international and national leaders accountable for the commitments they made in the Platform for Action.” ([UNWomen](#))



If you are familiar with UN Women's engagement with your government to educate and involve them in the work of the CSW, do you think their efforts are adequate?



Do you plan to attend CSW66?

