



EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UN-HABITAT

Second session of the year 2022

Results of the survey conducted by the secretariat following the first session of the Executive Board of 2022

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| Purpose of the Survey

Following the first session of 2022, the secretariat conducted a survey, that aimed to evaluate the effectiveness of that session and explore ways to further improve both the process and outcome of future sessions.



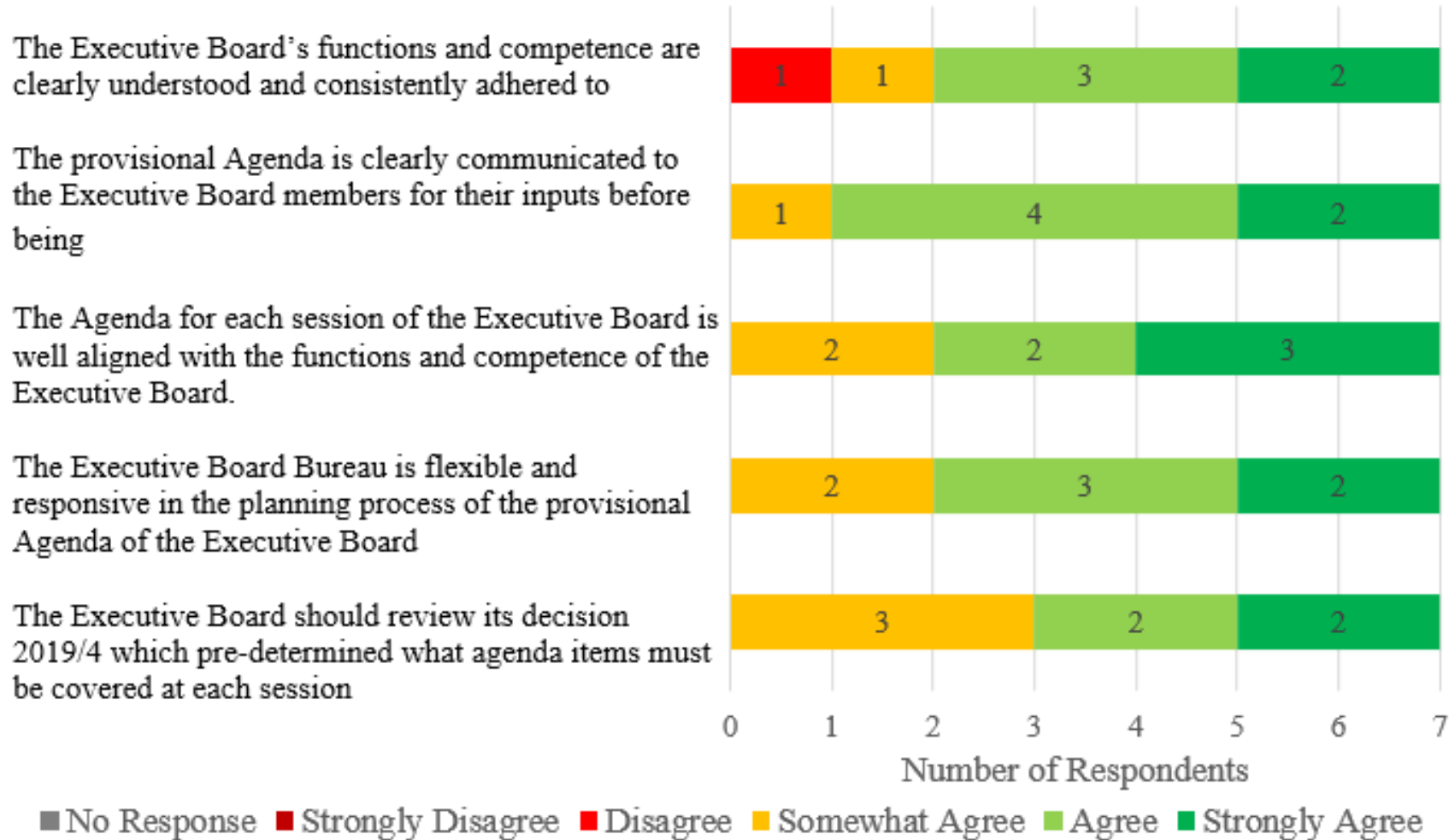


FINDINGS

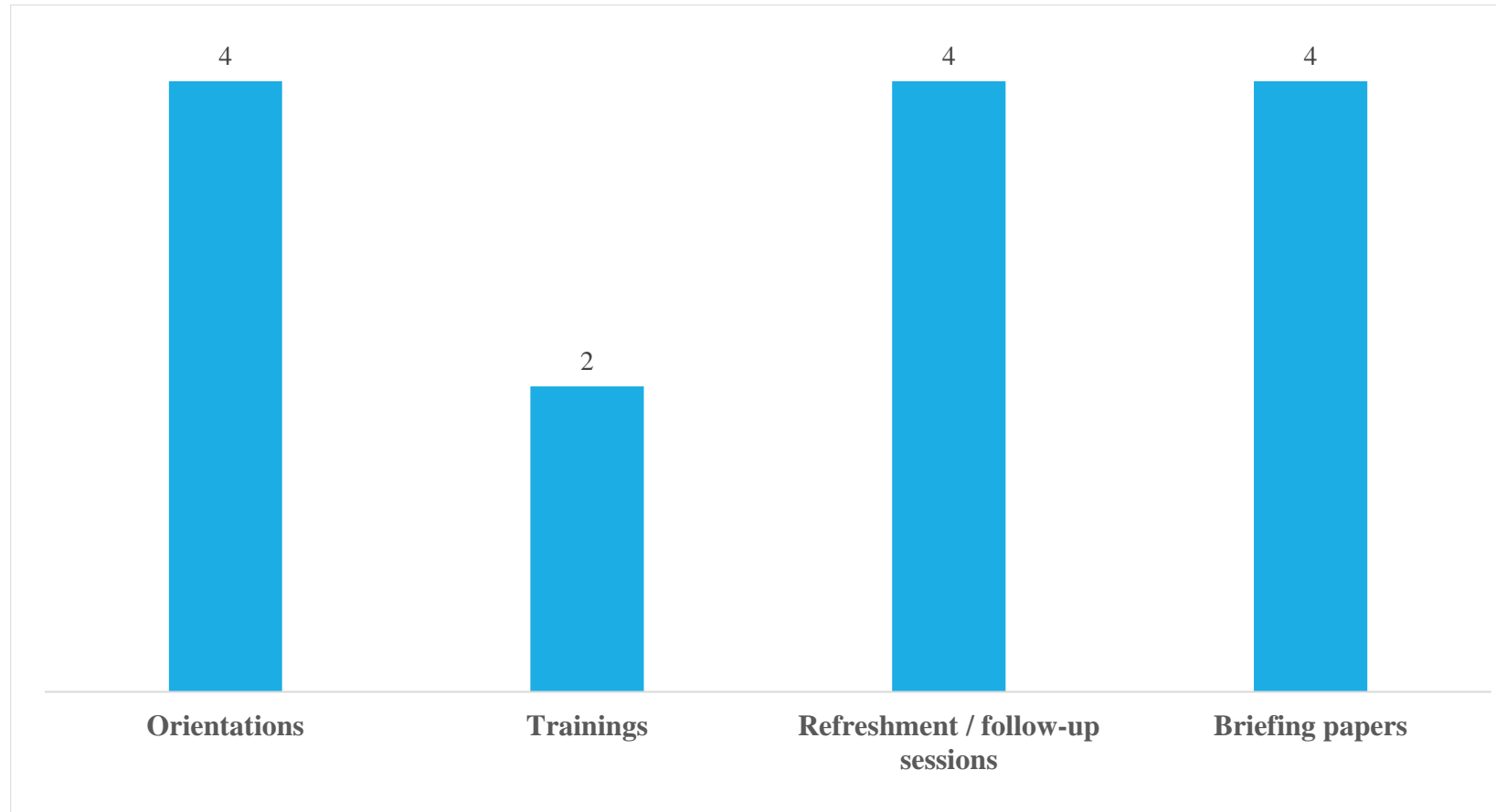
A. ALIGNMENT OF THE FUNCTIONS AND COMPETENCE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WITH THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE SESSIONS OF THE BOARD



An overview of feedback from Member States on the alignment of the functions and competence of the Executive Board



| An Overview of the suggestions provided to the Secretariate on ways to support Member States and their Delegation understand the functions and competences of the Executive Board.



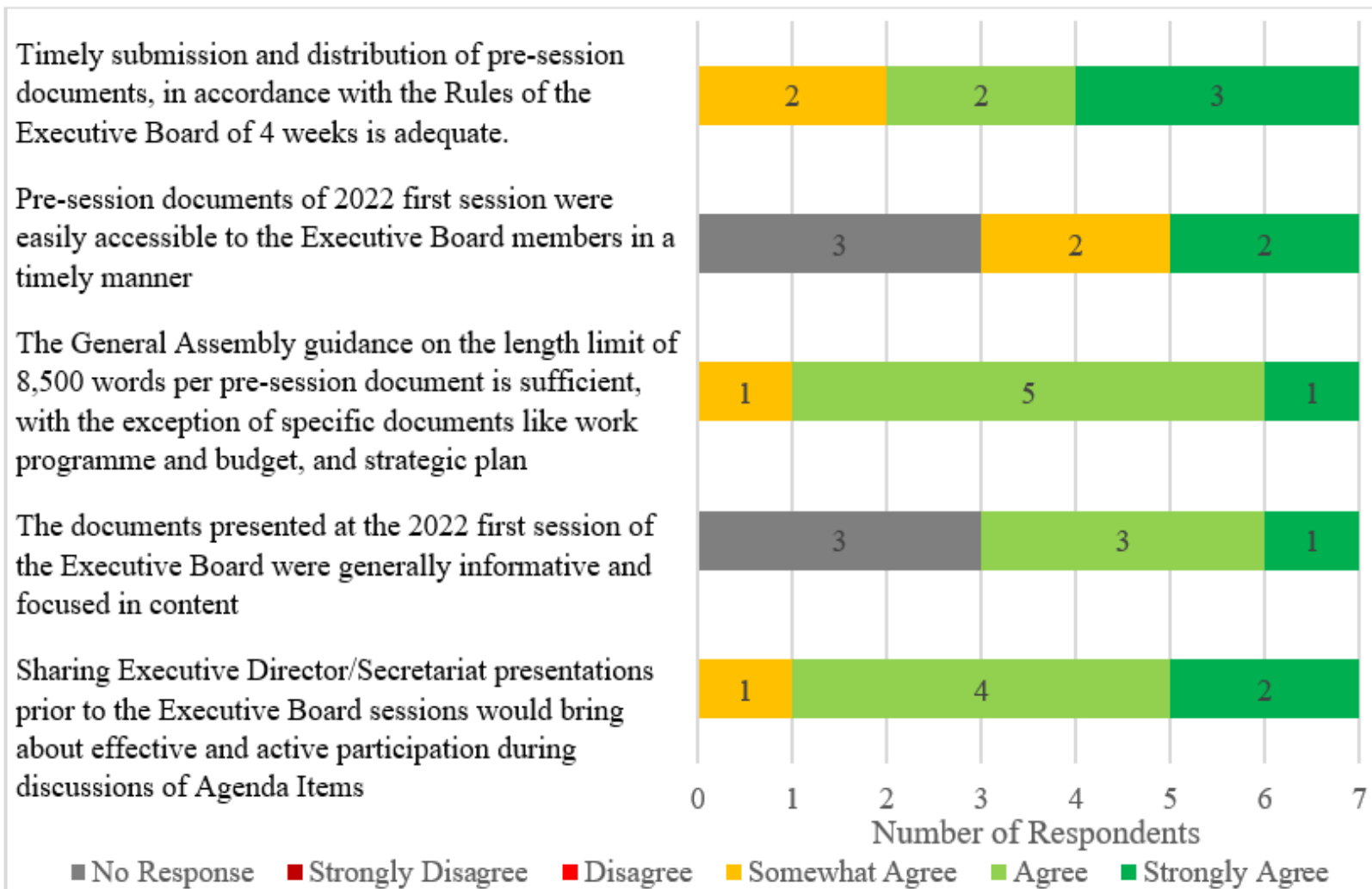
| An Overview of the suggestions received on how the process of drafting of the provisional Agenda for each session of the Executive Board can be improved

- Adopting, at the end of each session, the agenda of the next session does not provide enough flexibility for the Executive Board. The Bureau of the Executive Board should recommend the provisional agenda for the next session agenda a few weeks before the session and the provisional Agenda can then be shared with Member States through a no-objection procedure / silent procedure and/or through regional groups consultations.
- Prioritizing the important items of the provisional agenda and focusing on the most important items only



B. QUALITY AND USEFULNESS OF THE PRE-SESSION DOCUMENTS

| An overview of feedback from Member States on the provision of pre-session documents



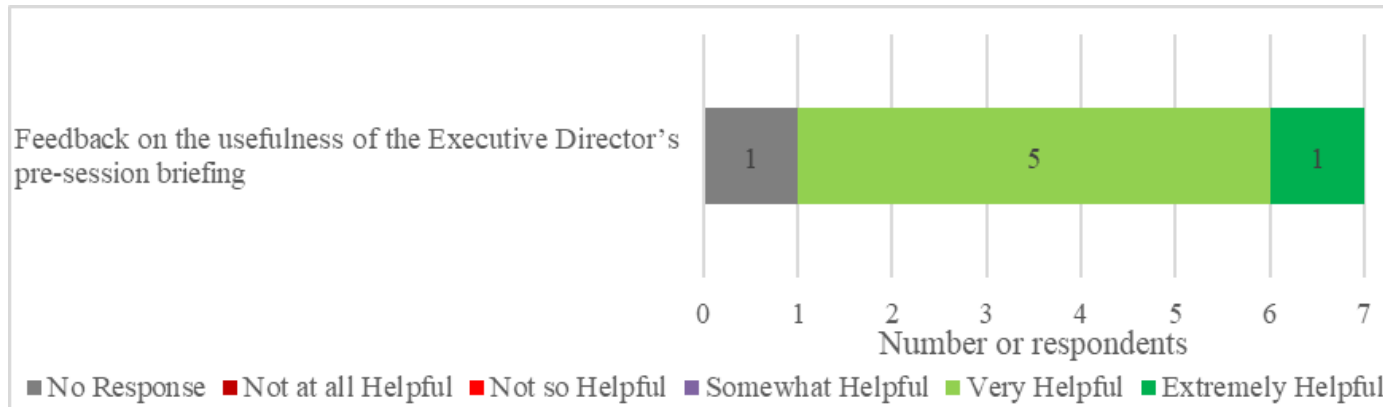
| An overview of the suggestions received on how the quality and the usefulness (including content and length) of the pre-session documents can be improved

- It is suggested that the Secretariat should try to equally balance between the two sessions of the Executive Board being held each year and the pre-session documents presented for consideration by the Board, in order to reduce the number and length of each pre-session document as much as possible.
- It is suggested that a maximum of six pre-session documents should be presented to the Executive Board at each session, including information documents.



C. PRE-SESSION BRIEFING BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

| An overview of feedback on the usefulness of the Executive Director's pre-session briefing



Suggestions

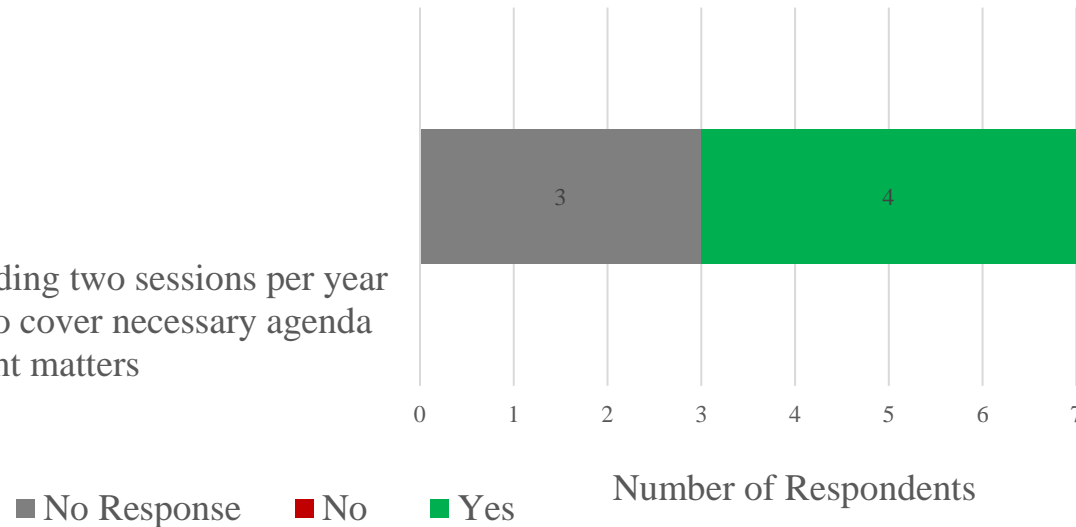
- Executive Director's presentation to be shared briefing prior to the briefing.
- The Executive Director's pre-session briefing should be held earlier than two weeks prior to the session of the Executive Board.
- The briefing should be more interactive in its format.

D. NUMBER OF SESSIONS PER YEAR OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD



| An overview of feedback on holding two sessions per year being adequate to cover necessary agenda items and relevant matters based on the experience of 2020 and 2021

Feedback on holding two sessions per year being adequate to cover necessary agenda items and relevant matters



Suggestions on how many sessions to be held in a year

- Equal number of respondents have suggested two sessions per annum and three sessions per annum to cover the necessary agenda items and other relevant matters for discussion.
- A respondent mentioned that the number of days, either two or three, depends on the length of the agenda items. It should be the Bureau to decide and the Member State to agree through silent procedure or regional groups consultation.



| Overview of suggestions received on when, during the year, should the Executive Board sessions take place

Among the suggestions on when during the year, the Executive Board sessions should take place, included: **in April and November, in June and at end of January, in March and in September or October.**



| An overview of feedback on the allocation of three days being adequate for the 2022 first session of the Executive Board

Allocation of 3 days to the first Executive Board session of 2022 being adequate



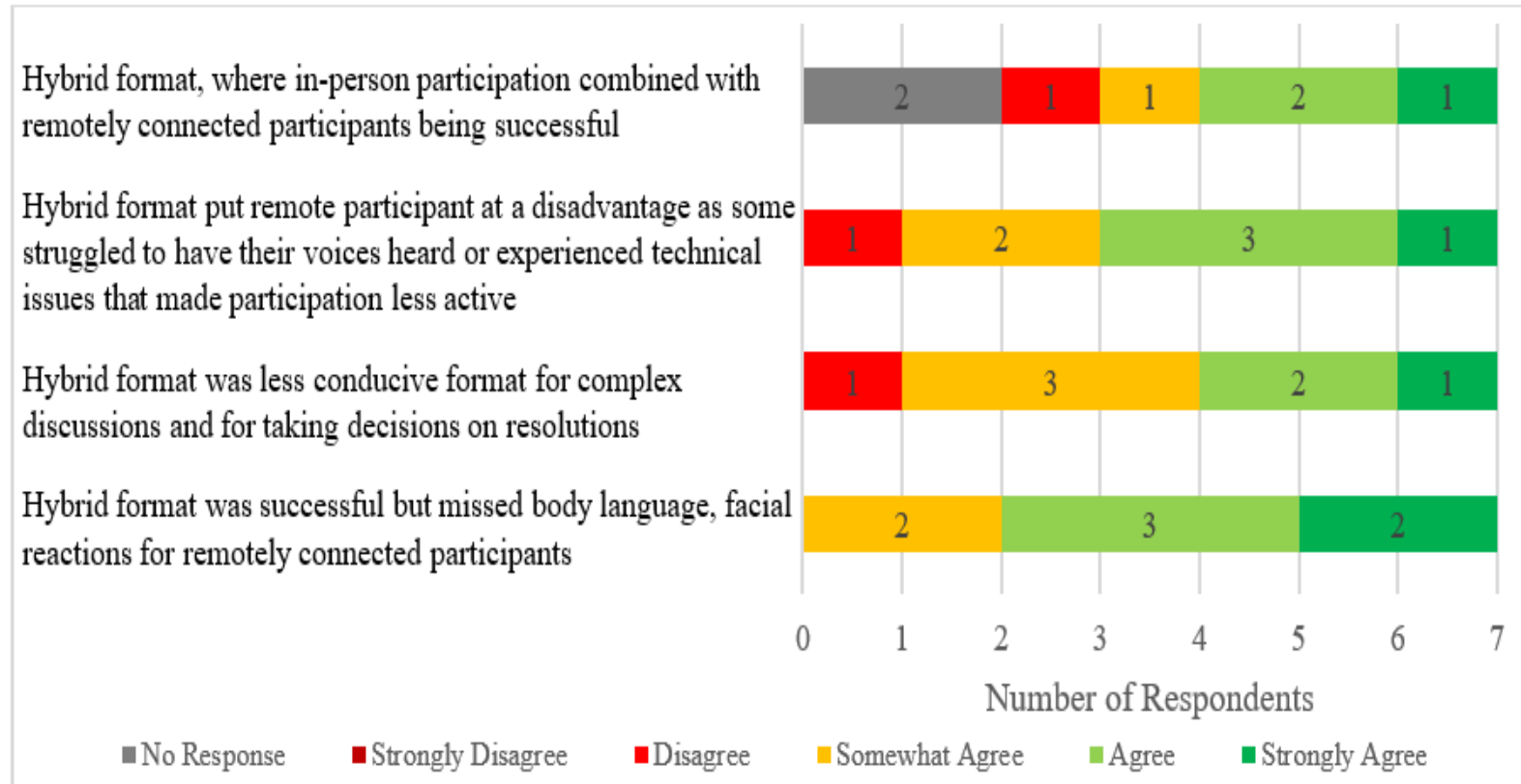
■ No Response ■ No ■ Yes

Suggestions on how many days should be allocated

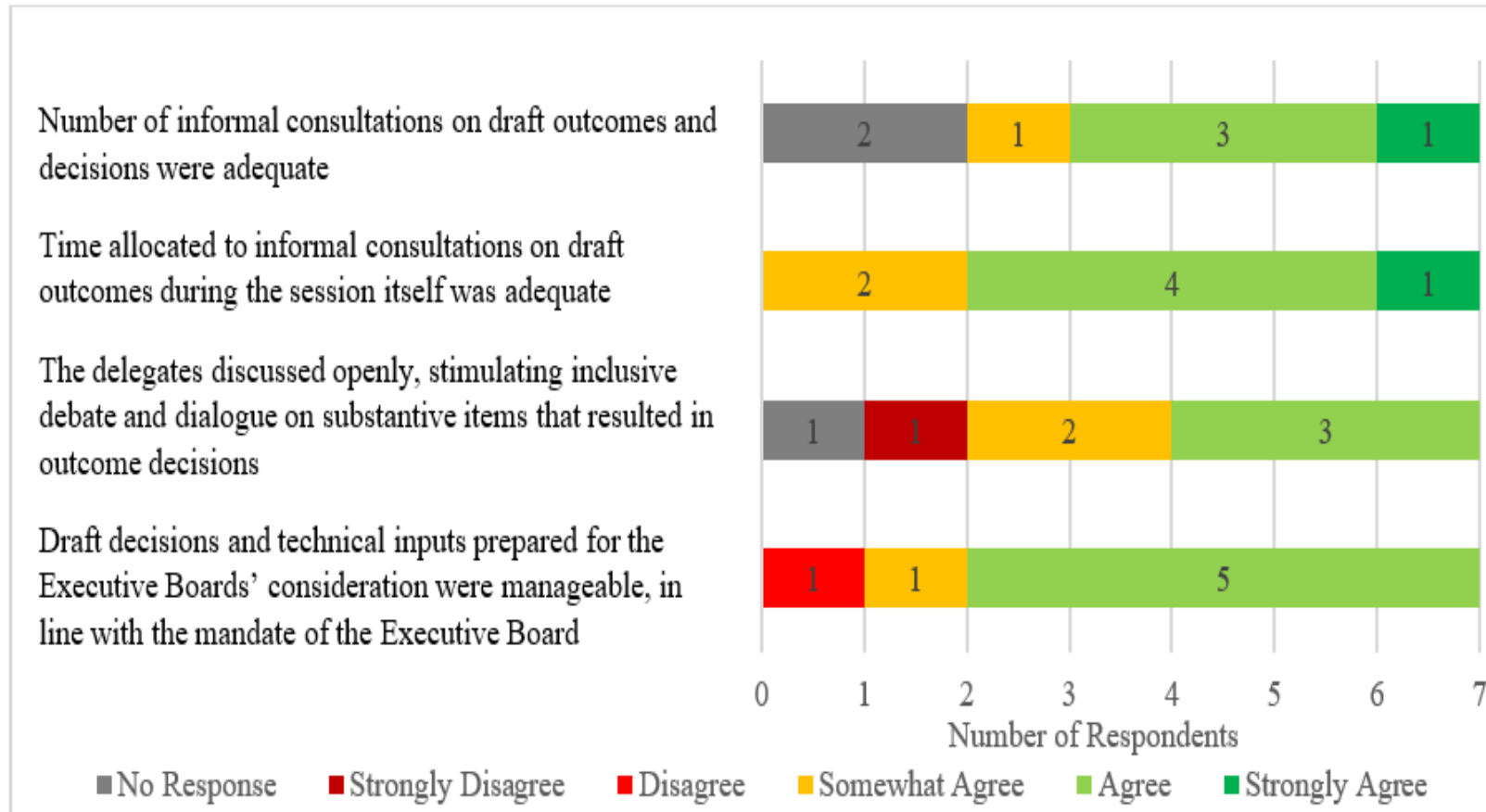
- Three days should be allocated
- A day is adequate in order to save time and cost

E. PREPARATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FIRST SESSION OF 2022 OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

| An overview of feedback on hybrid format of the 2022 first session of the Executive Board and its possible application to future Executive Board sessions



| An overview of feedback from Member States on the adequacy of the preparation for the first session of 2022 of the Executive Board

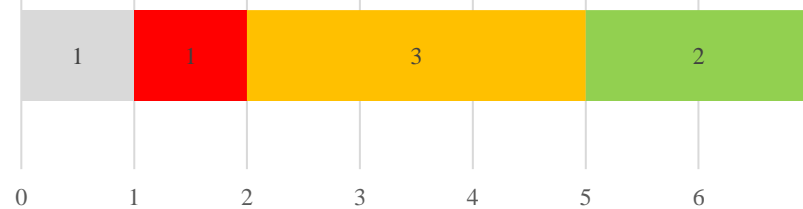


| An overview of feedback from Member States on the allocation of time for statements

Time available to the delegates to discuss and debate on important issues was adequate



Time available to the speakers during the session was adequate

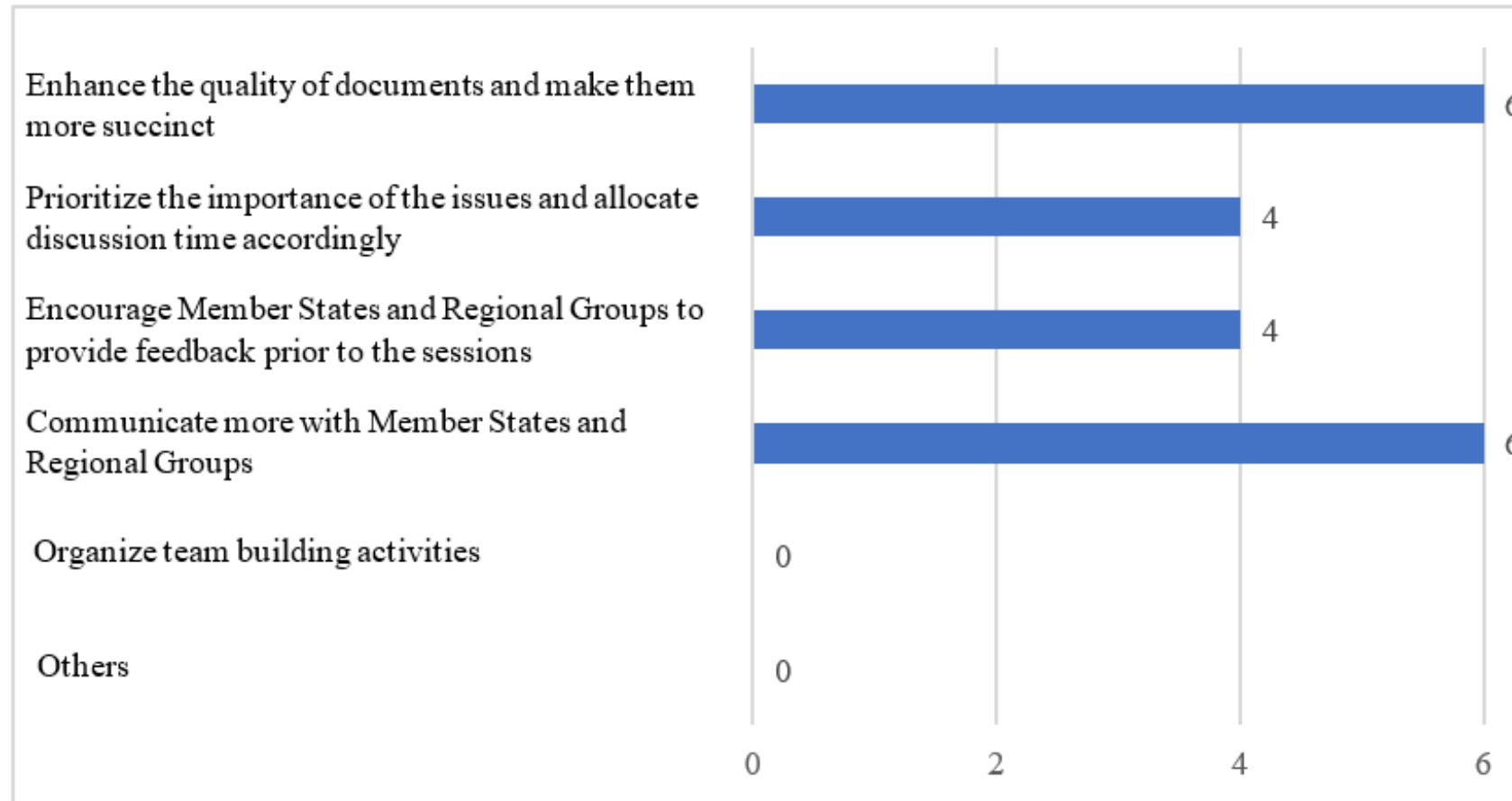


■ No Response ■ Strongly Disagree ■ Disagree ■ Somewhat Agree ■ Agree ■ Strongly Agree

Suggestions on time management

- Increasing the number of days to three instead of two would provide adequate time for discussion and debate.
- The sessions of the Executive Board should try to stick to the items listed in the provisional Agenda and should not discuss matters that could be under the umbrella of other United Nations entities' jurisdictions.

| An overview of suggestions received on ways in which the Executive Director and the secretariat could better support Member States





SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION



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The results showed that, overall, the functions and competence of the Executive Board are viewed as being aligned with the provisional agenda of the sessions of the Board, guided by its Bureau. The results further showed that the Executive Board could prioritize the review of its Decision 2019/4, which pre-determines what agenda items must be covered at each session.

The secretariat is considered to be adhering strongly to the rules of procedure that guide the provision of pre-session documents in terms of timing, accessibility, content and length. This is a key factor in ensuring active participation by delegations, resulting in informed decision-making that supports programme delivery by UN-Habitat.

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There is also an indication that the members are open to learning and suggested various ways such as orientations, refresher and follow-up sessions, briefing papers and trainings to be effective ways to support Member States and their delegation, to understand the functions and competence of the Executive Board.

Briefings by the Executive Director are viewed as informative and respondents felt that it should remain an active tool of dialogue. Few suggestions such as providing Executive Director's presentation prior to the briefing, providing heads up on key challenges to be addressed at the Executive Board session and making the briefing more interactive could add value.



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With regards to the number of sessions that the Executive Board should hold each year, the appropriate month for the session and the meeting format (in-person, online or hybrid), the survey revealed a broad range of views. With the limited data received, it can be perceived that the hybrid format was not preferred to some extent. A majority of the respondents agreed that holding the session of the Executive Board over three days was adequate.

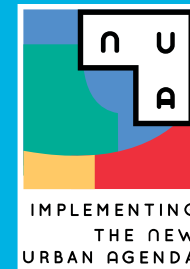
A suggestion to enhance the quality of documents and making them more succinct could be useful to better support Member States' engagement in the sessions of the Executive Board. Consultations between the Secretariat and the Regional Groups was also suggested as a way to support Member States' engagement.



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