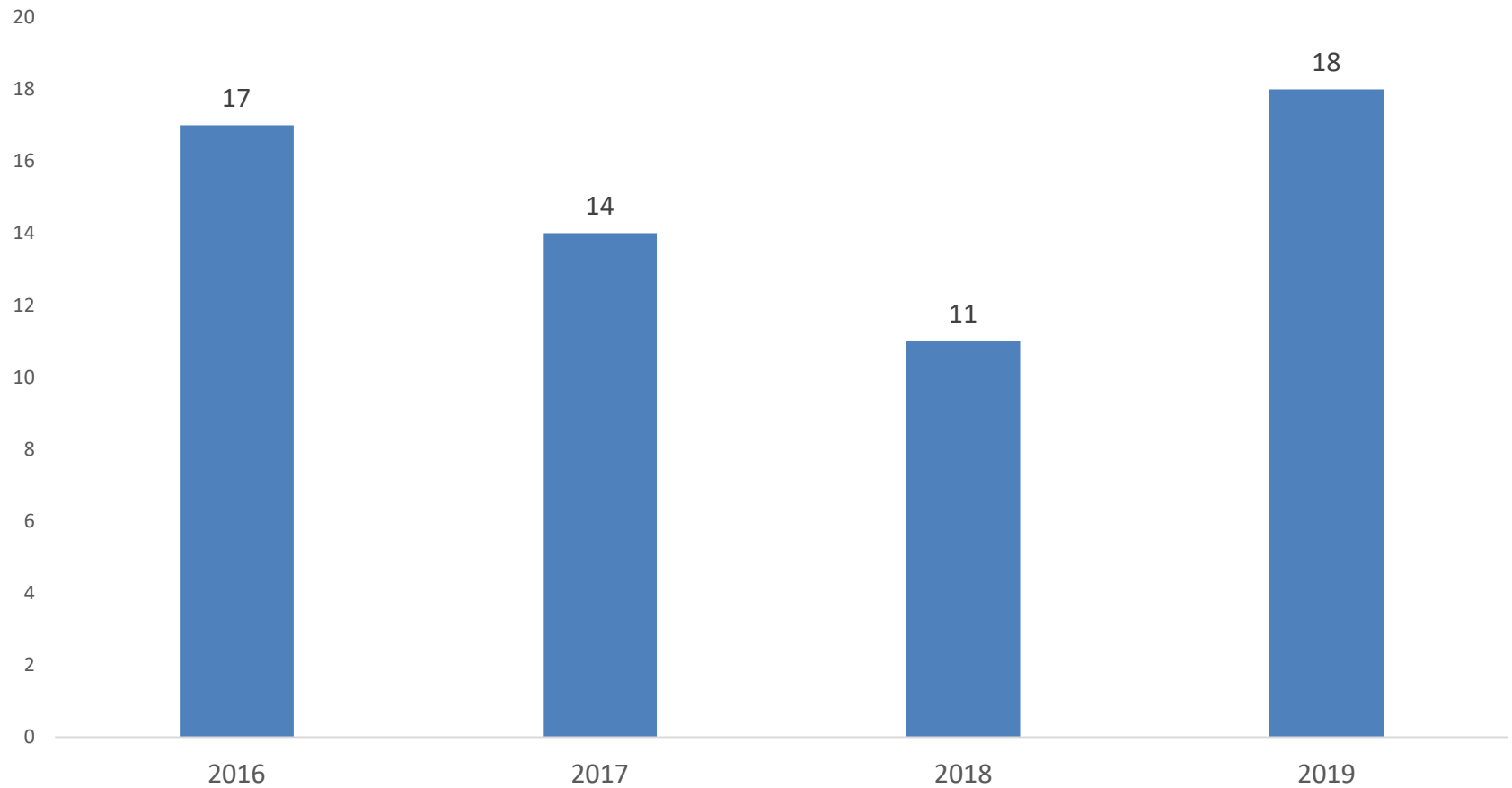**WIPO**
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Annual Technical Reports

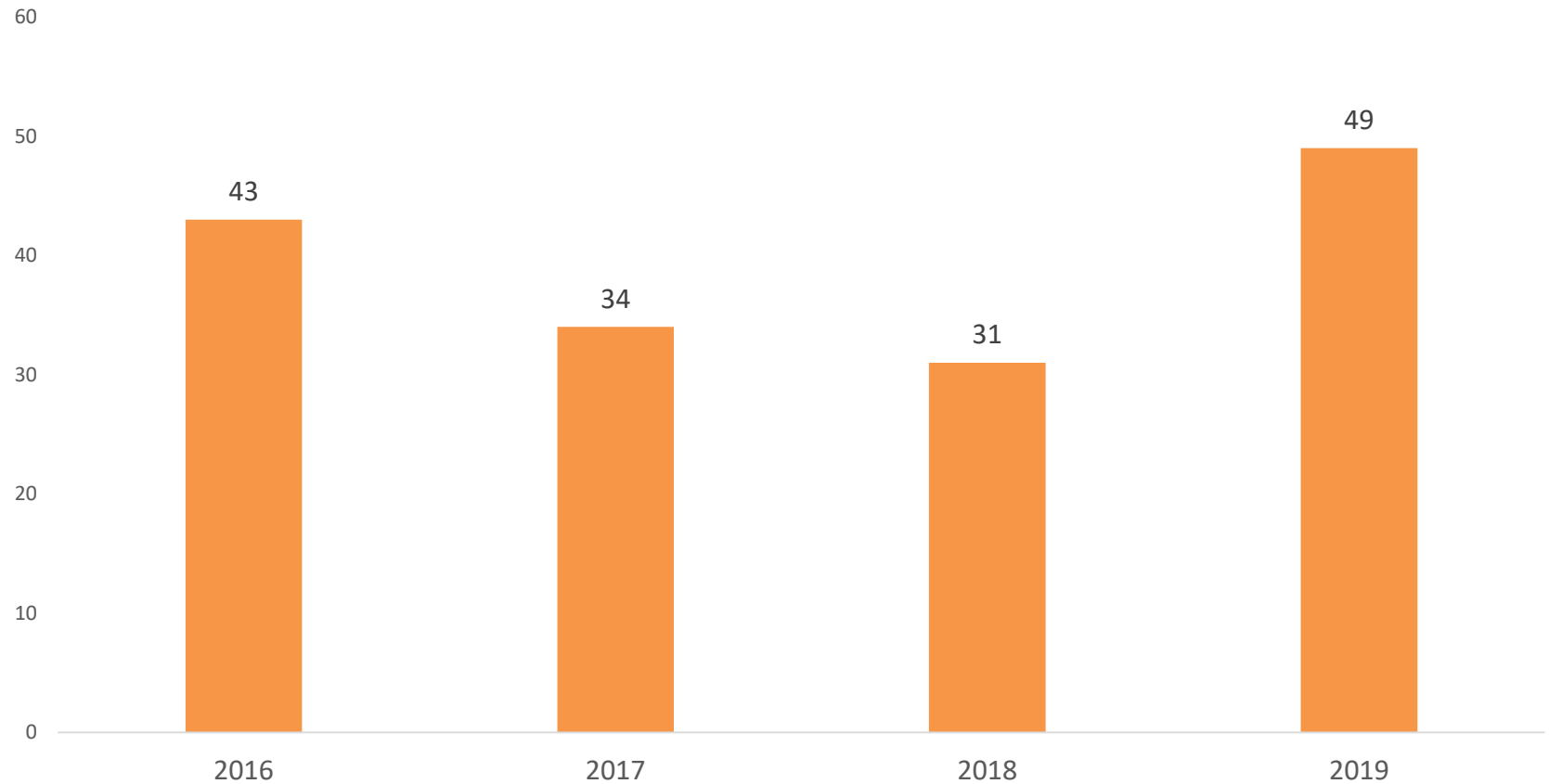CWS/8 Item 8(b): Report on the Annual Technical Reports (ATRs)

What are ATRs?

- Annual Technical Reports provide an overview of recent developments in services and information sources from Offices covering previous year, in this case 2019

- Covers patents, trademarks, and industrial designs

- Secretariat issues circulars once a year requesting information

- Submissions help other Offices and users locate information about Office activities

Number of Offices Submitting ATRs

Number of ATR Responses Received

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2019 ATR Schedule

- 2019 ATRs requested in July 2020 with responses by end of Sept (see CWS circulars 140-142)

- Some offices asked for more time to complete

- Secretariat plans to publish 2019 ATRs after CWS/8

Going Forward

- Agreed at CWS/7 to discuss possible changes to improve ATR contents and collection process

- Did not have time to discuss with ATR Task Force this year due to impacts of COVID-19 pandemic

- Will discuss with ATR Task Force in 2021 and present recommendations at the next session of CWS

Questions?

■ Thank you for your attention!

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