

Survey of the implementation of Trade Facilitation & Paperless Trade implementation in the ESCWA region 2017

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Trade facilitation is important for the region

- ✓ The region's share of international trade is 4.3%.
- ✓ Intra regional trade is around 10% compared with 24% in ASEAN, 64% in EU, etc.
- ✓ Sub-regional trade is also very low (GCC, AMU, Aghadir).
- ✓ Arab export is 50% below its potential (WB).
- ✓ High trade costs despite cheap oil, cheap labor, etc.
- ✓ High logistics costs compared to transport costs.

The Survey Instrument and Methodology



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Step 1. Data Submission by experts

- ✓ The survey questionnaire was sent by the ESCWA secretariat to selected trade facilitation experts
- ✓ The questionnaire was also made publicly available online.
- ✓ The questionnaire was also sent to relevant national trade facilitation authorities or agencies and regional trade facilitation partners or organizations.

Step 2. Data verification by the ESCWA Secretariat

- ✓ The ESCWA Secretariat cross-checked the data collected in Step 1.
- ✓ Desk research and data verification.
- ✓ discussion with some stakeholders via different means.

Step 3. Data validation by national governments

- ✓ The data were shared with national governments for review and feedback.
- ✓ The feedback from national governments was incorporated to finalize the dataset.

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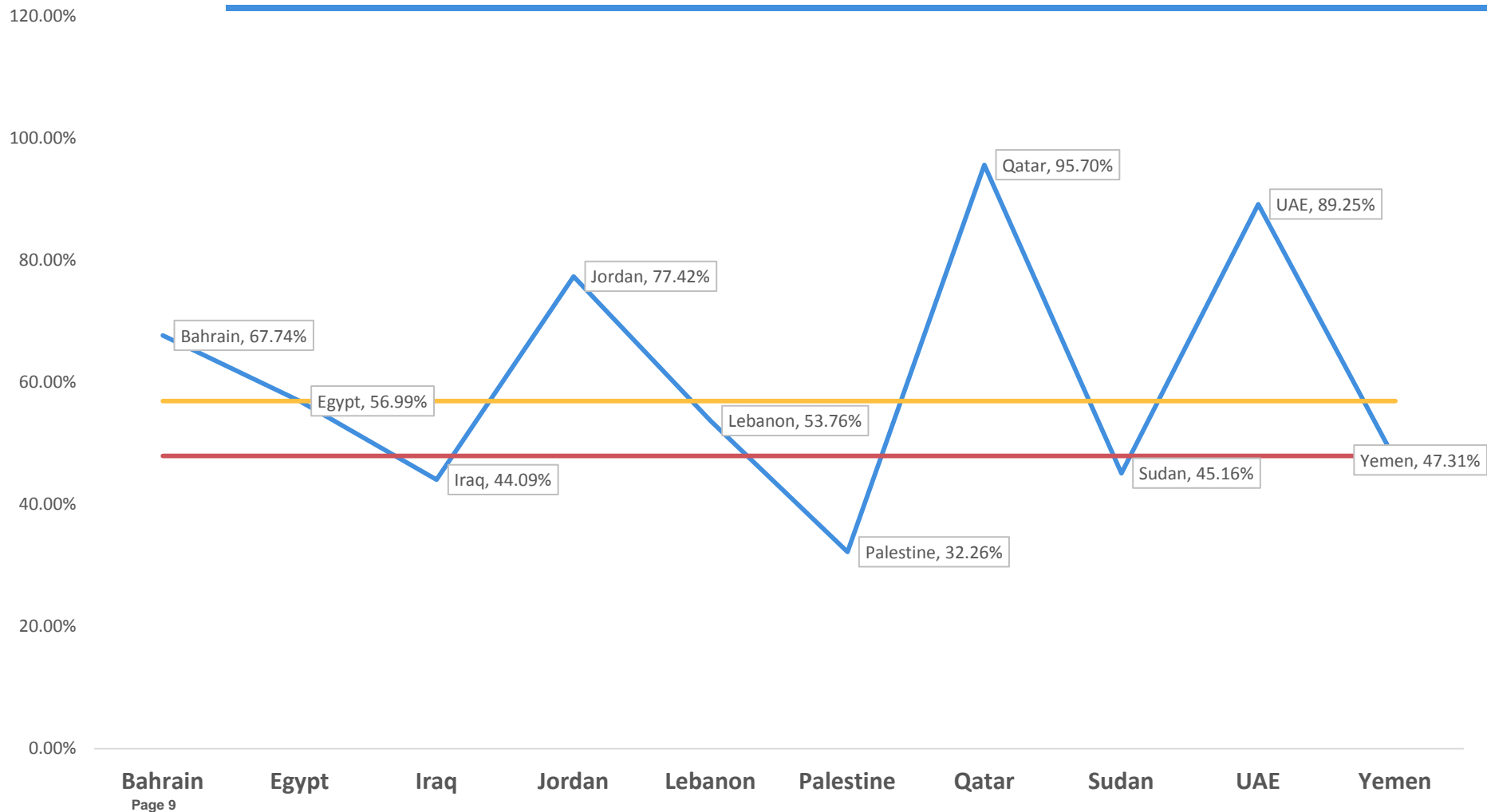


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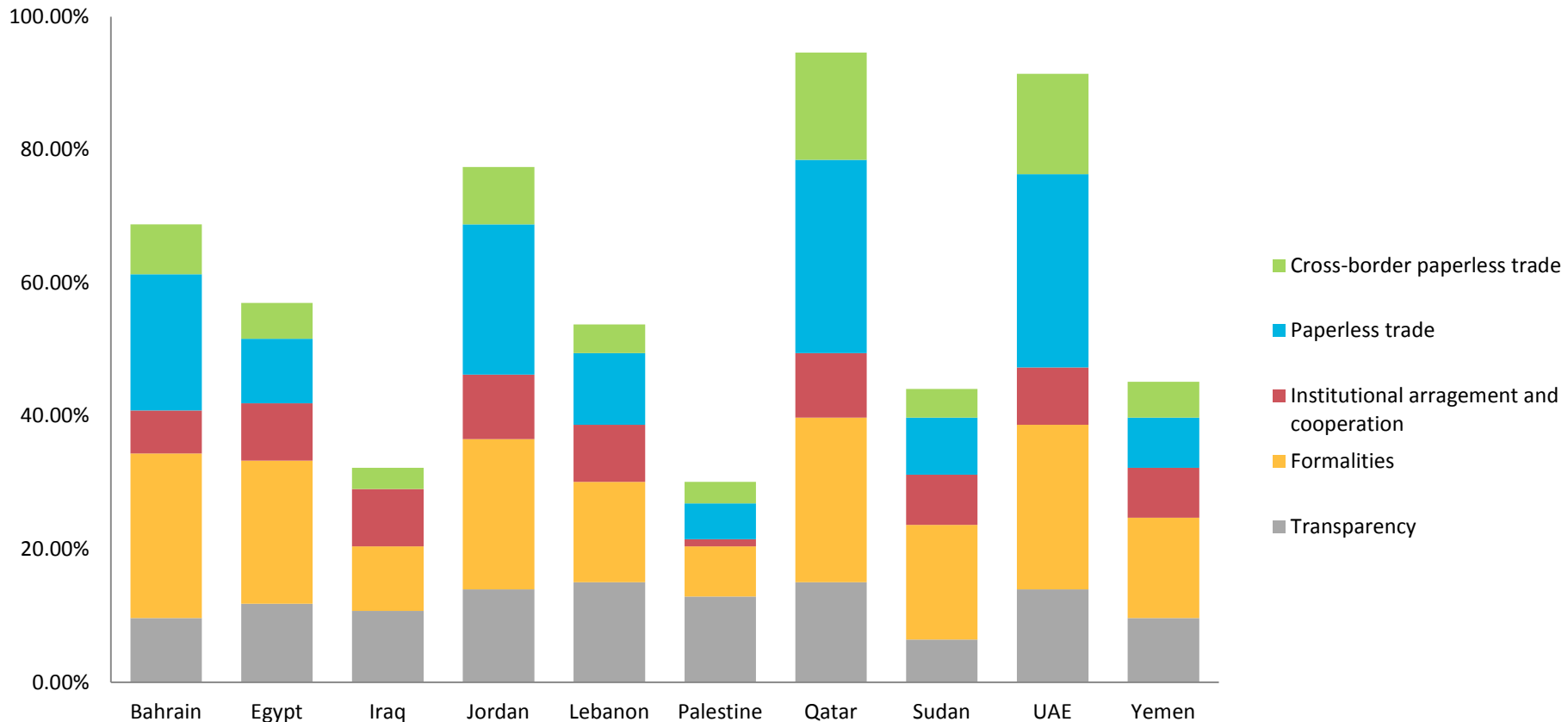
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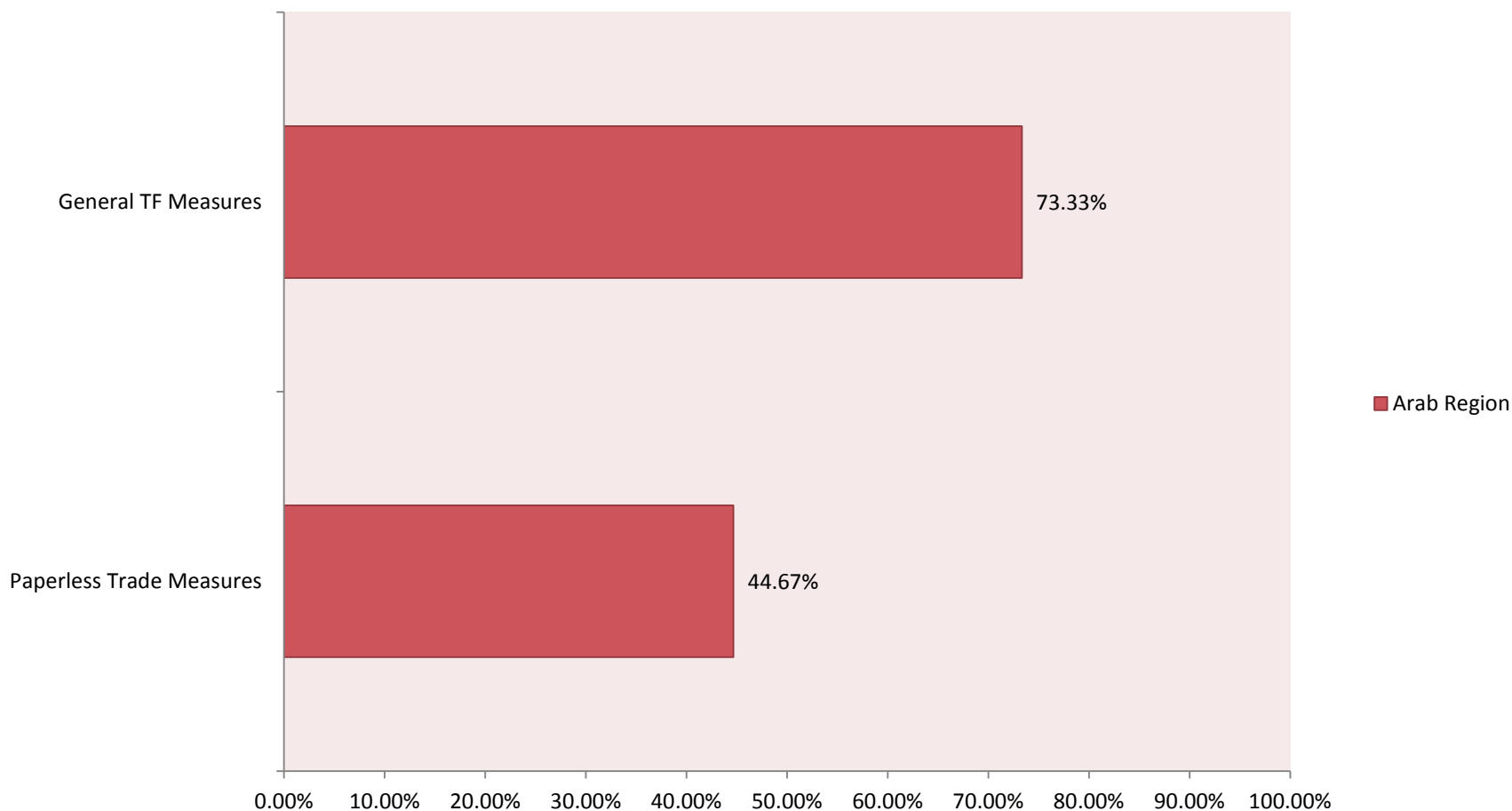


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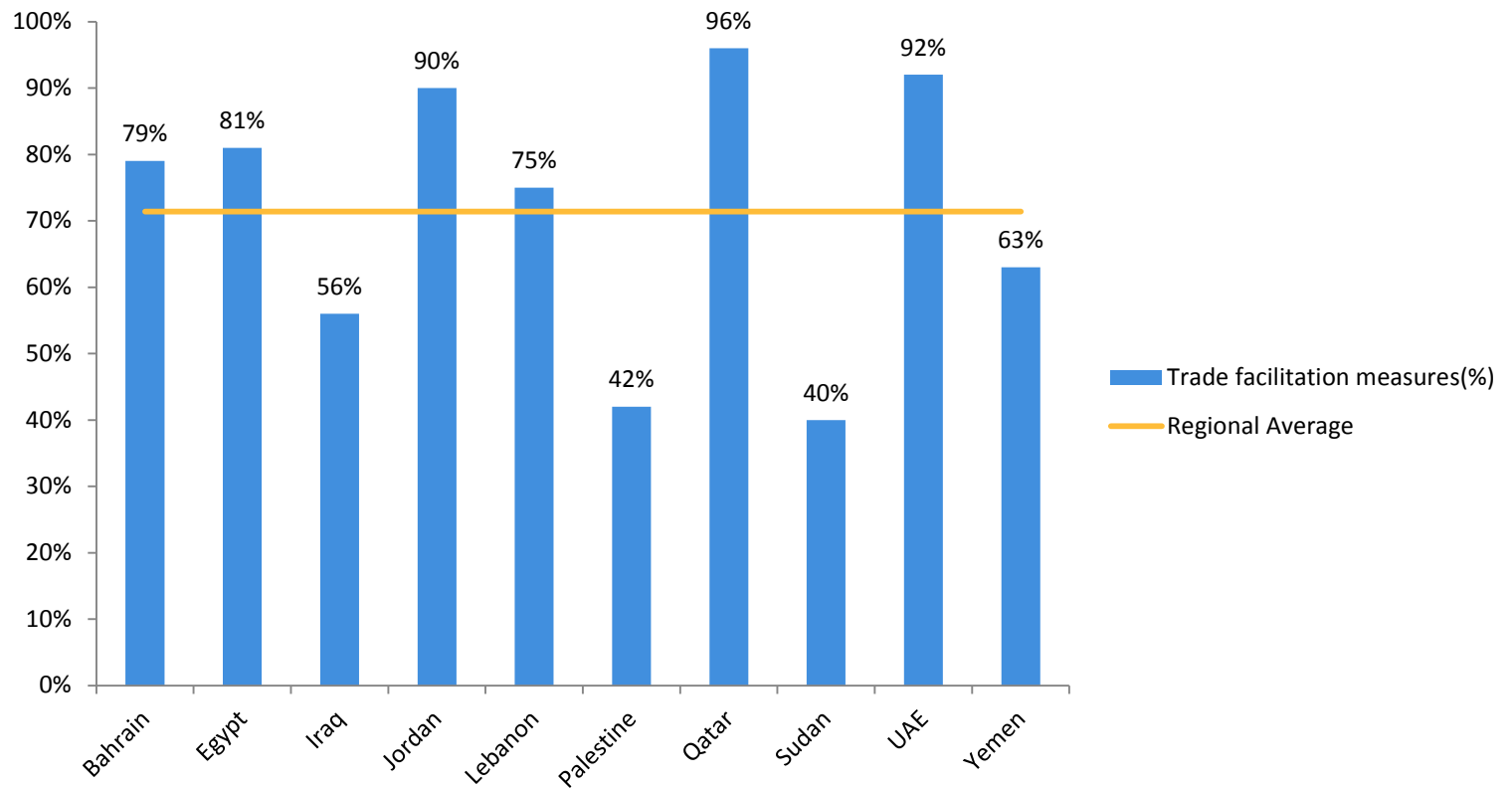


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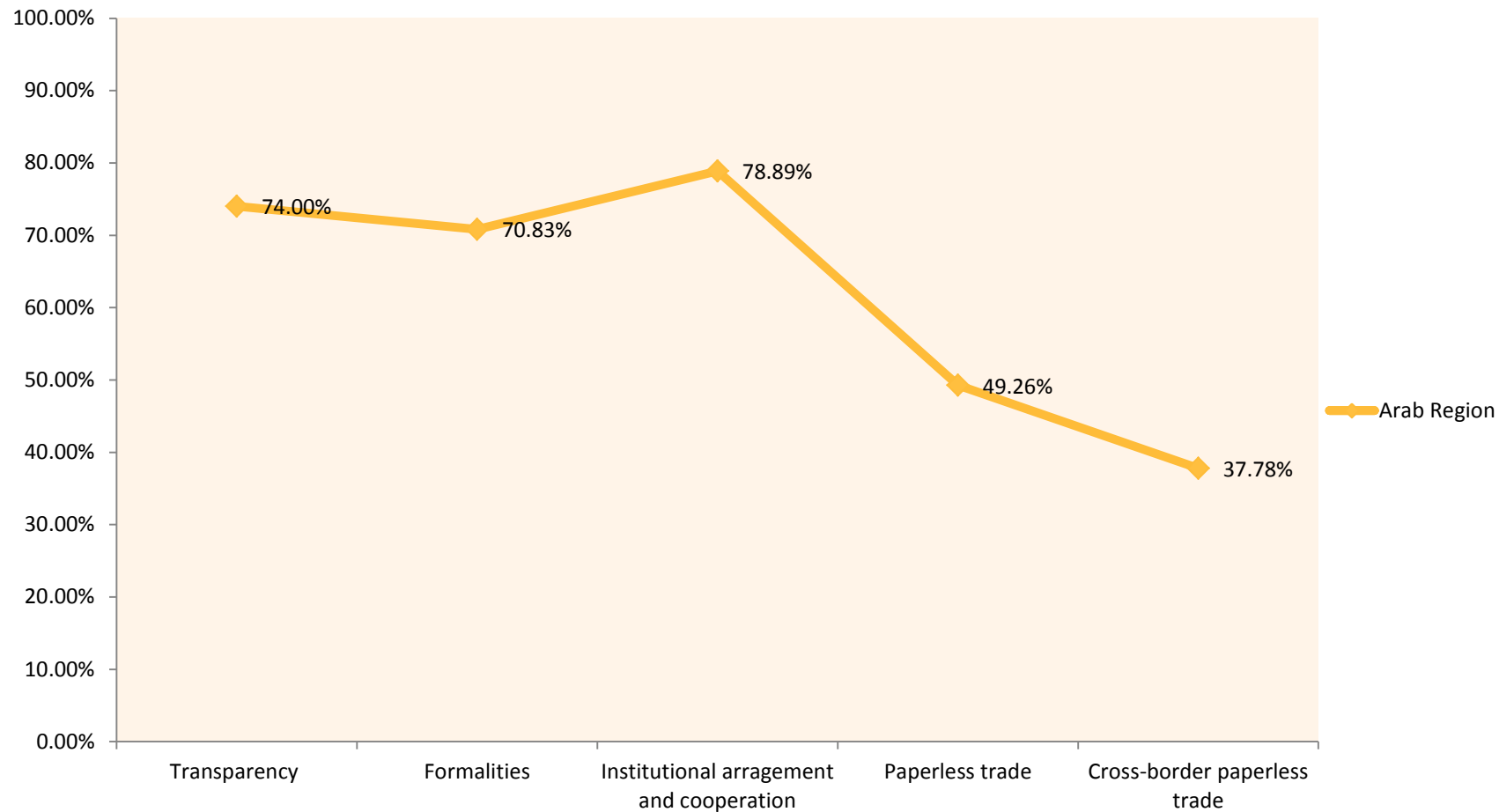
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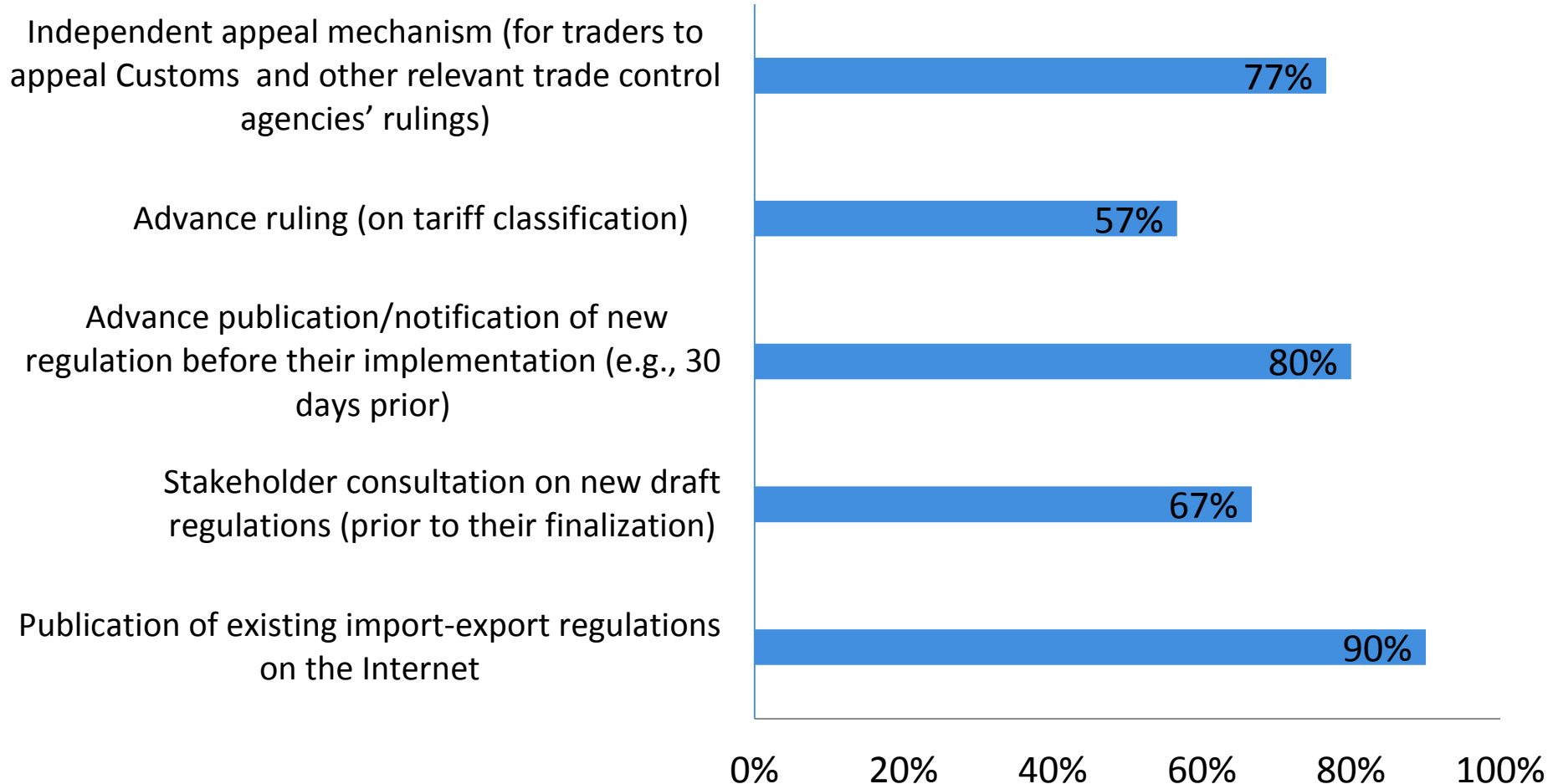
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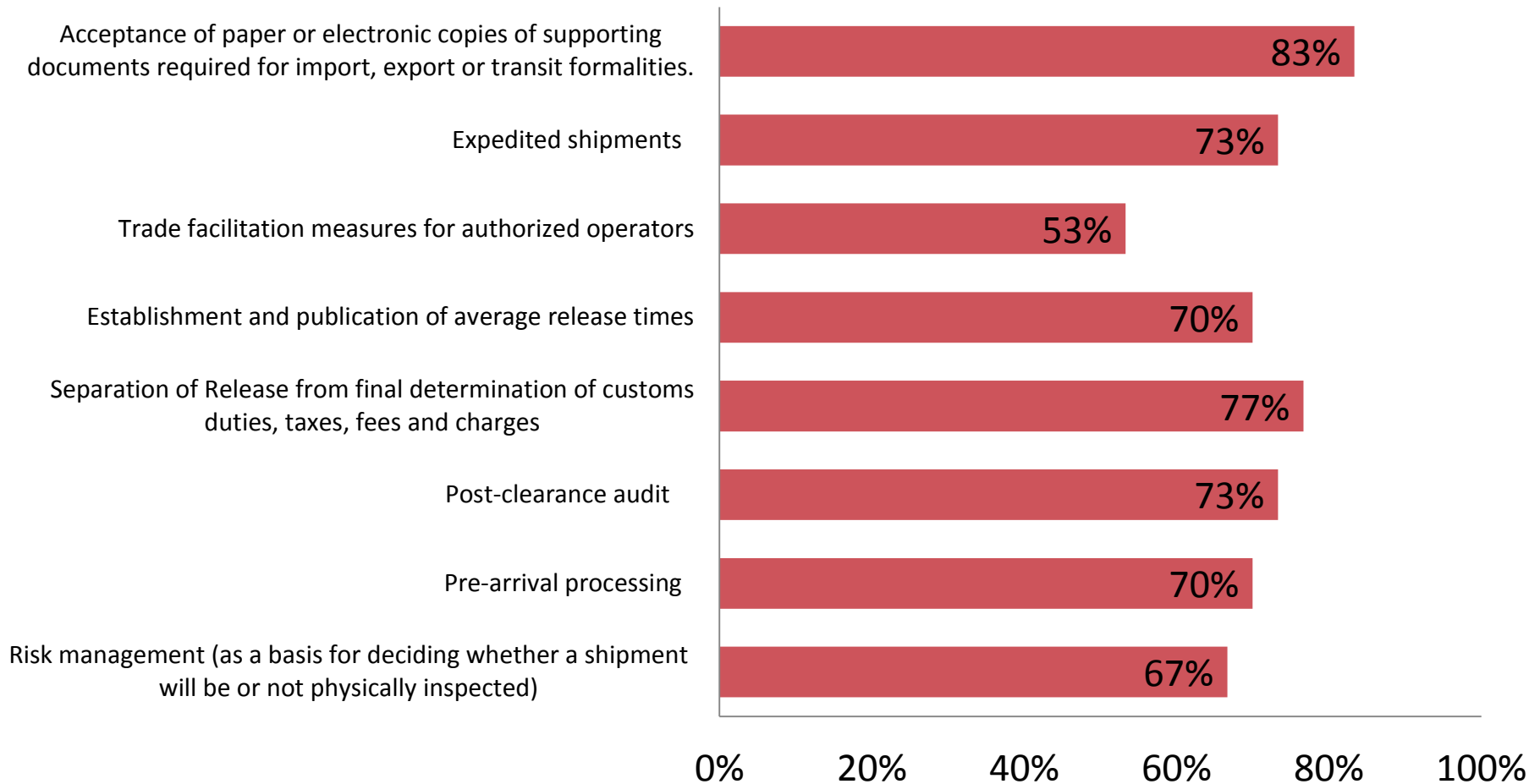
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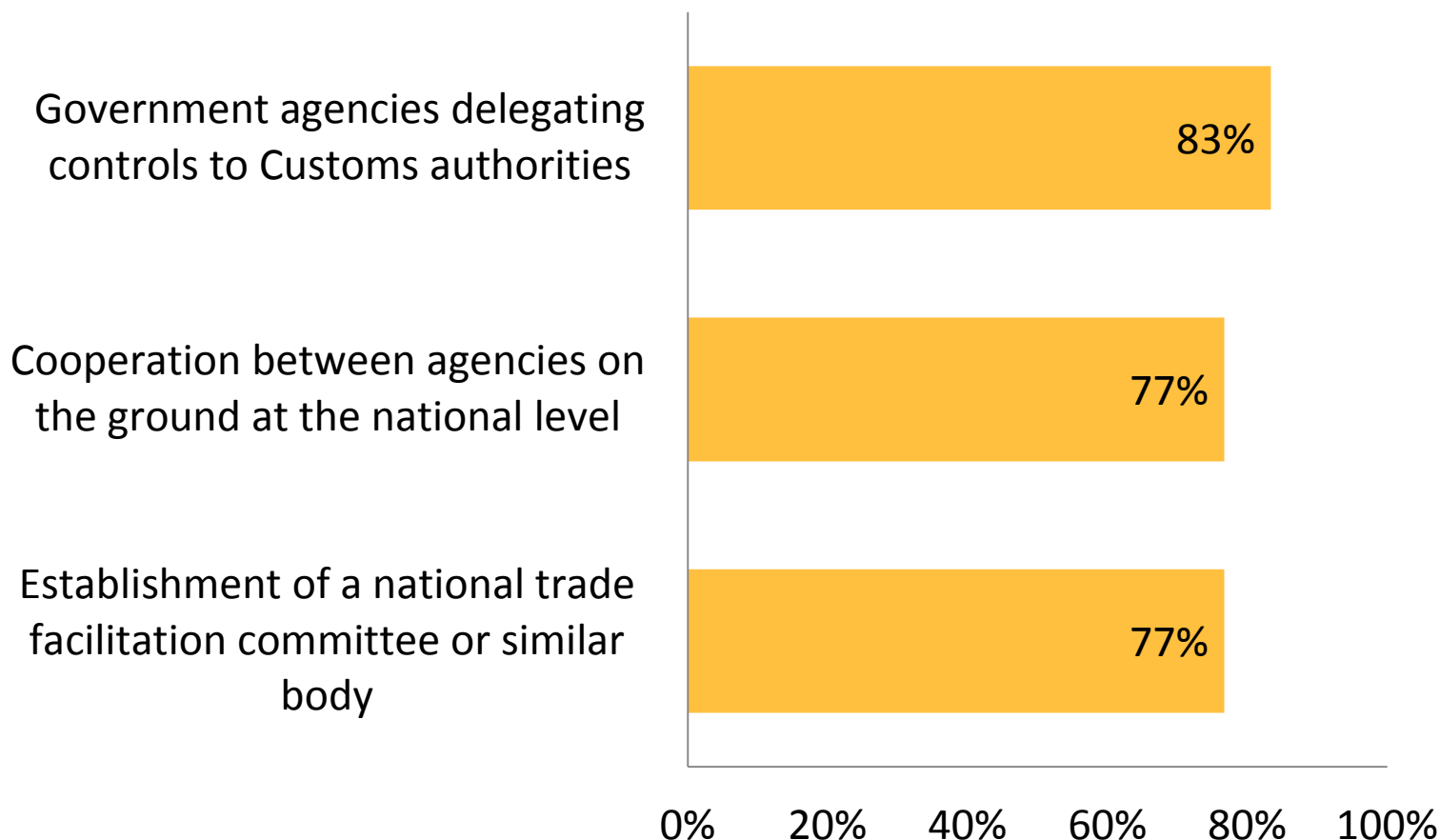


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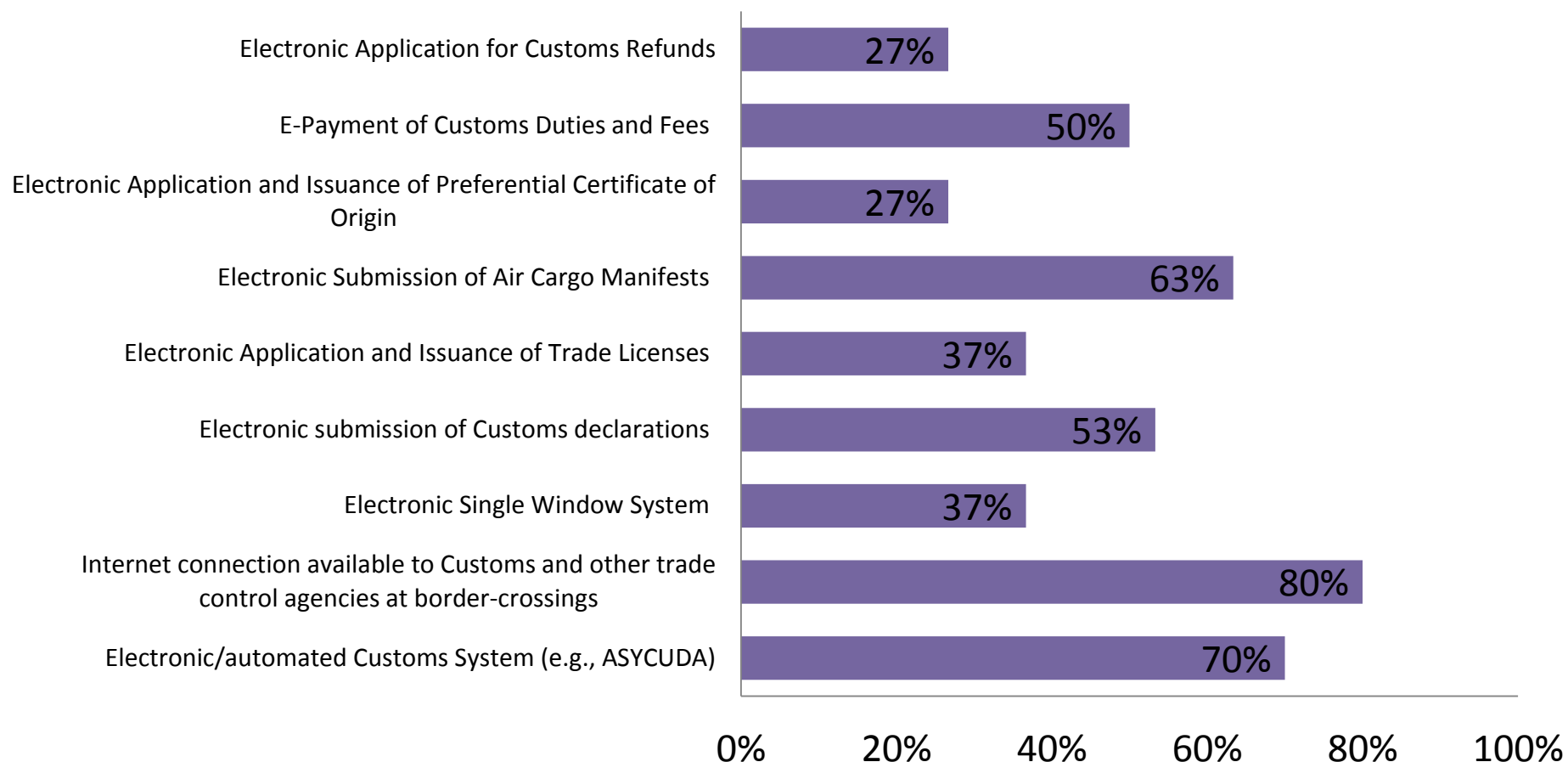
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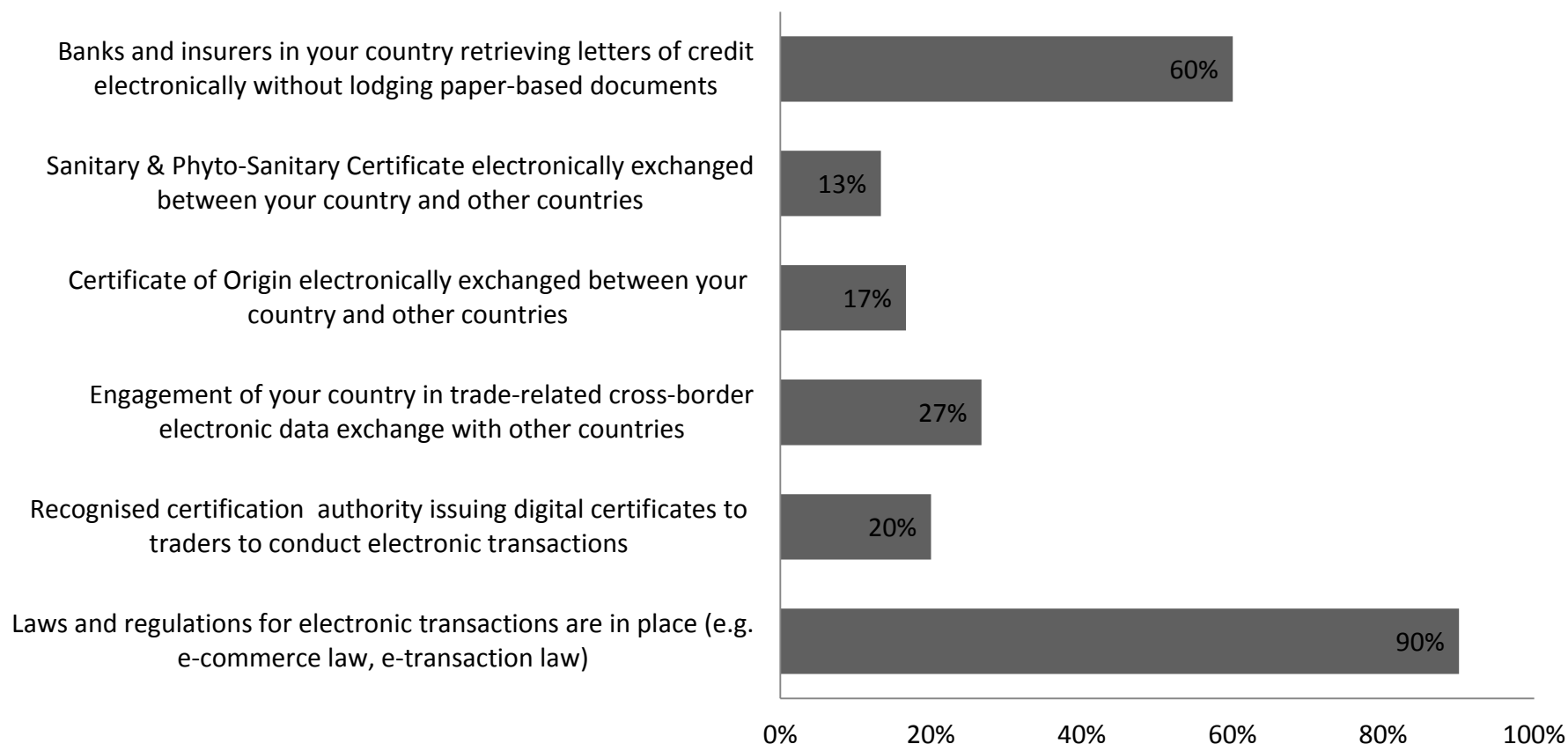
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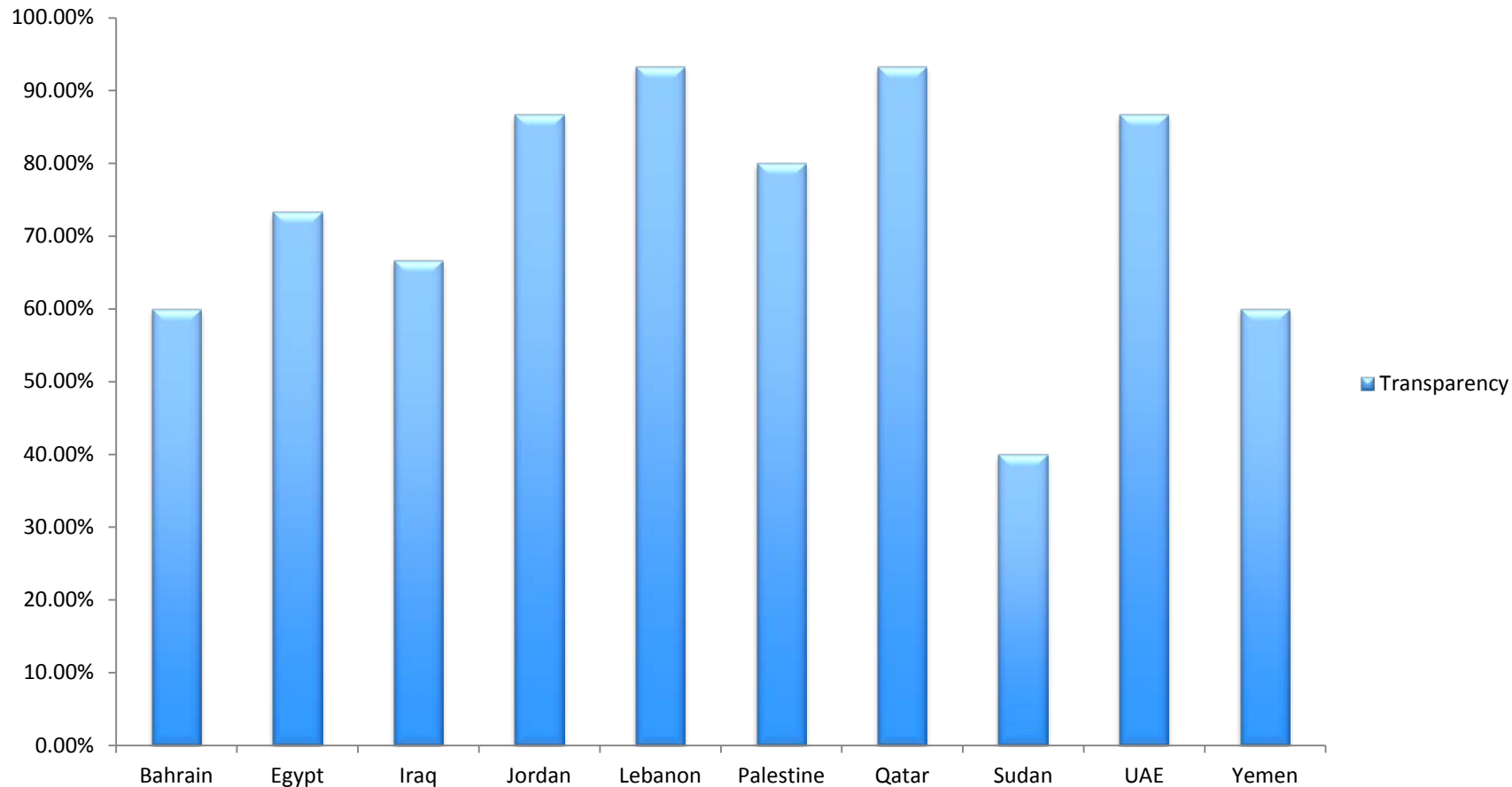
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Cross-border Paperless Trade: The most and least implemented measures



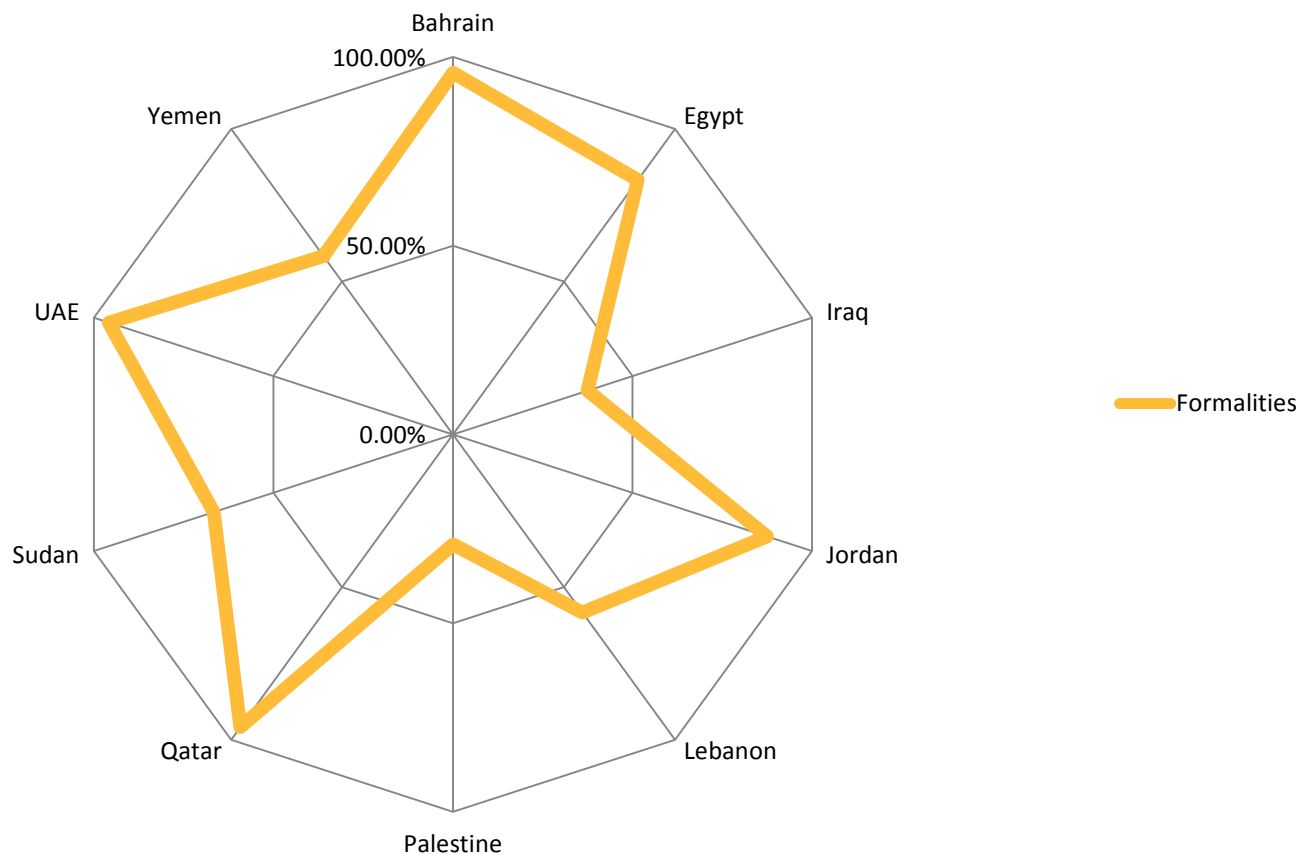
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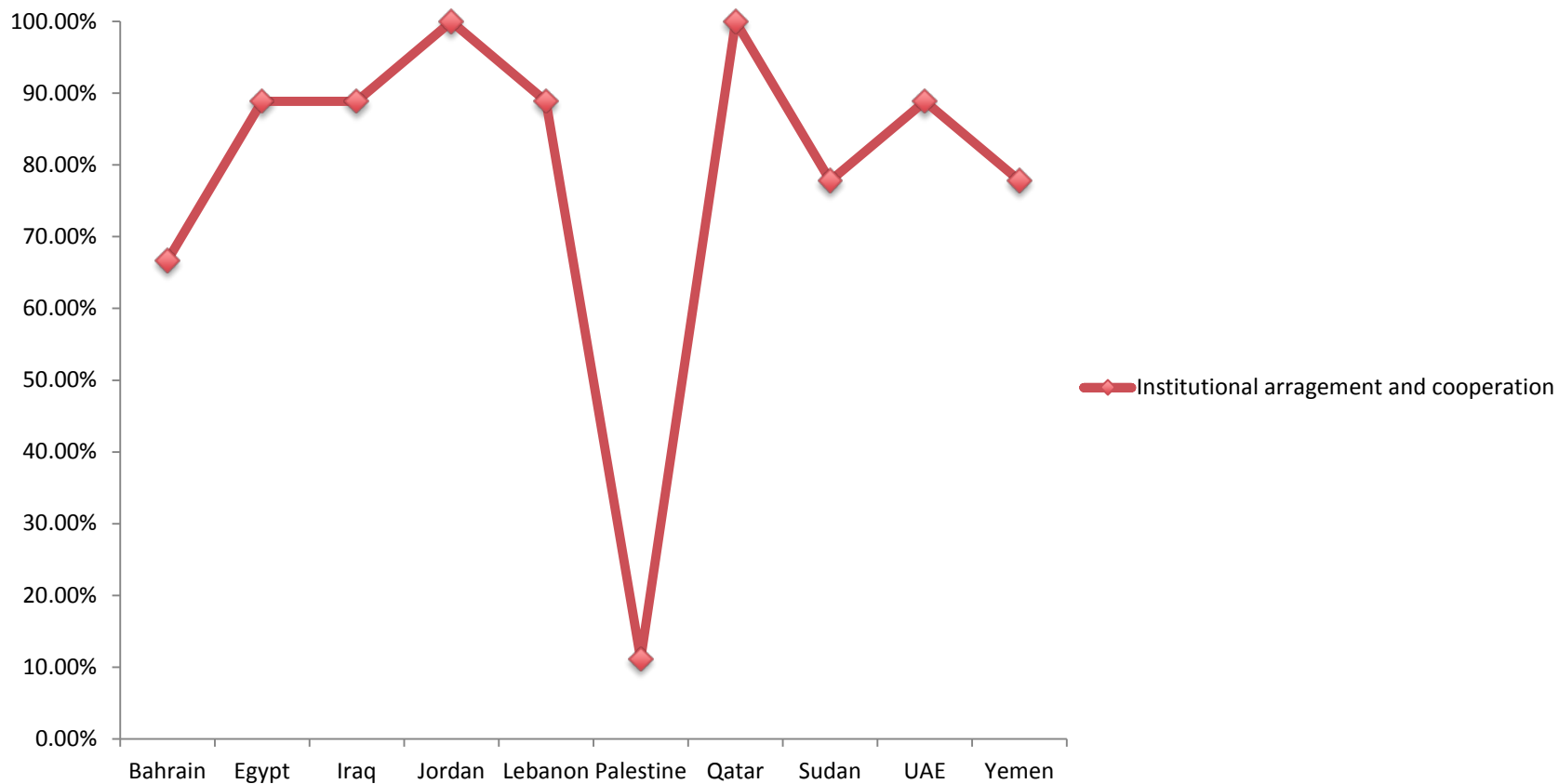
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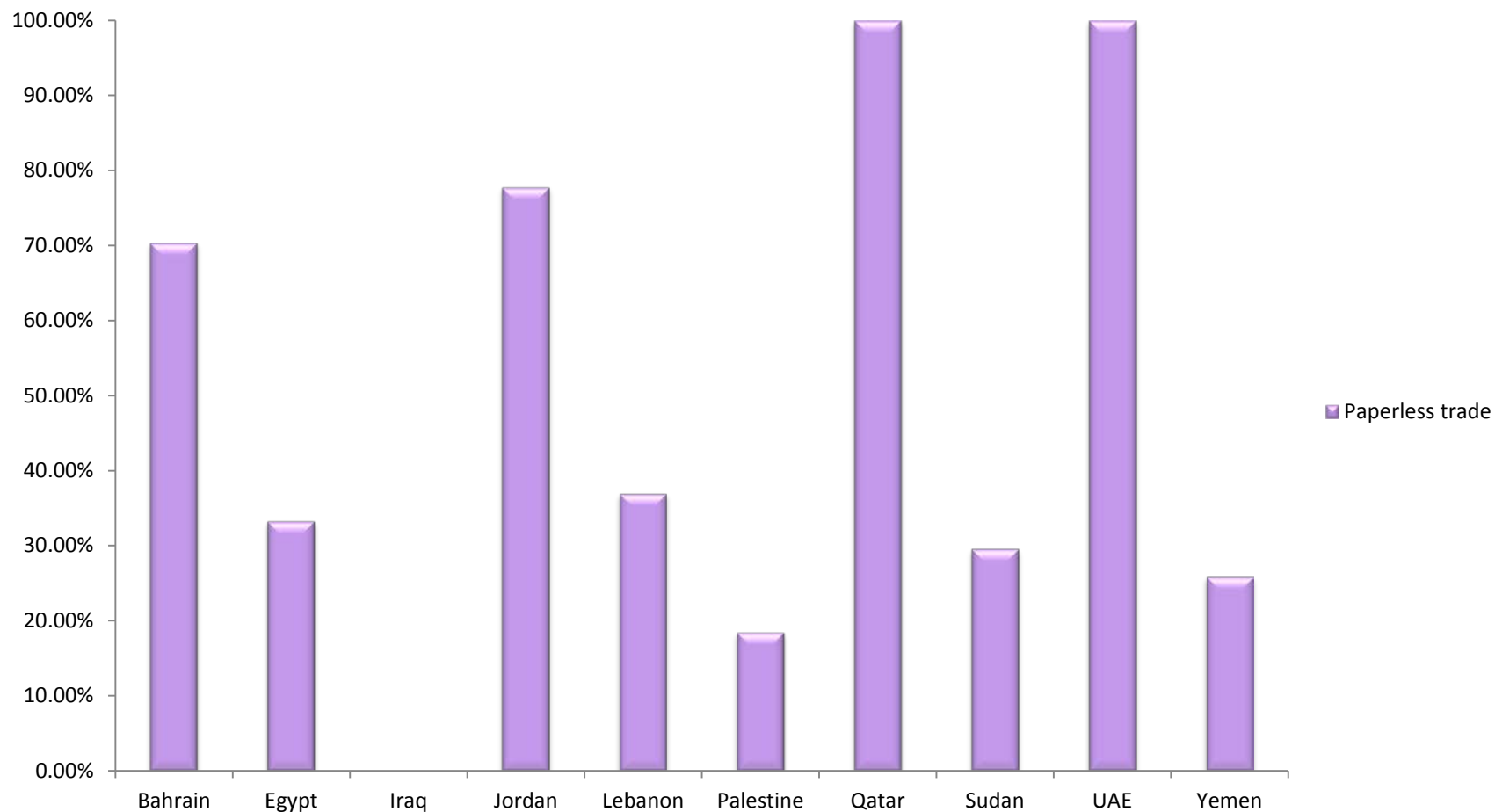
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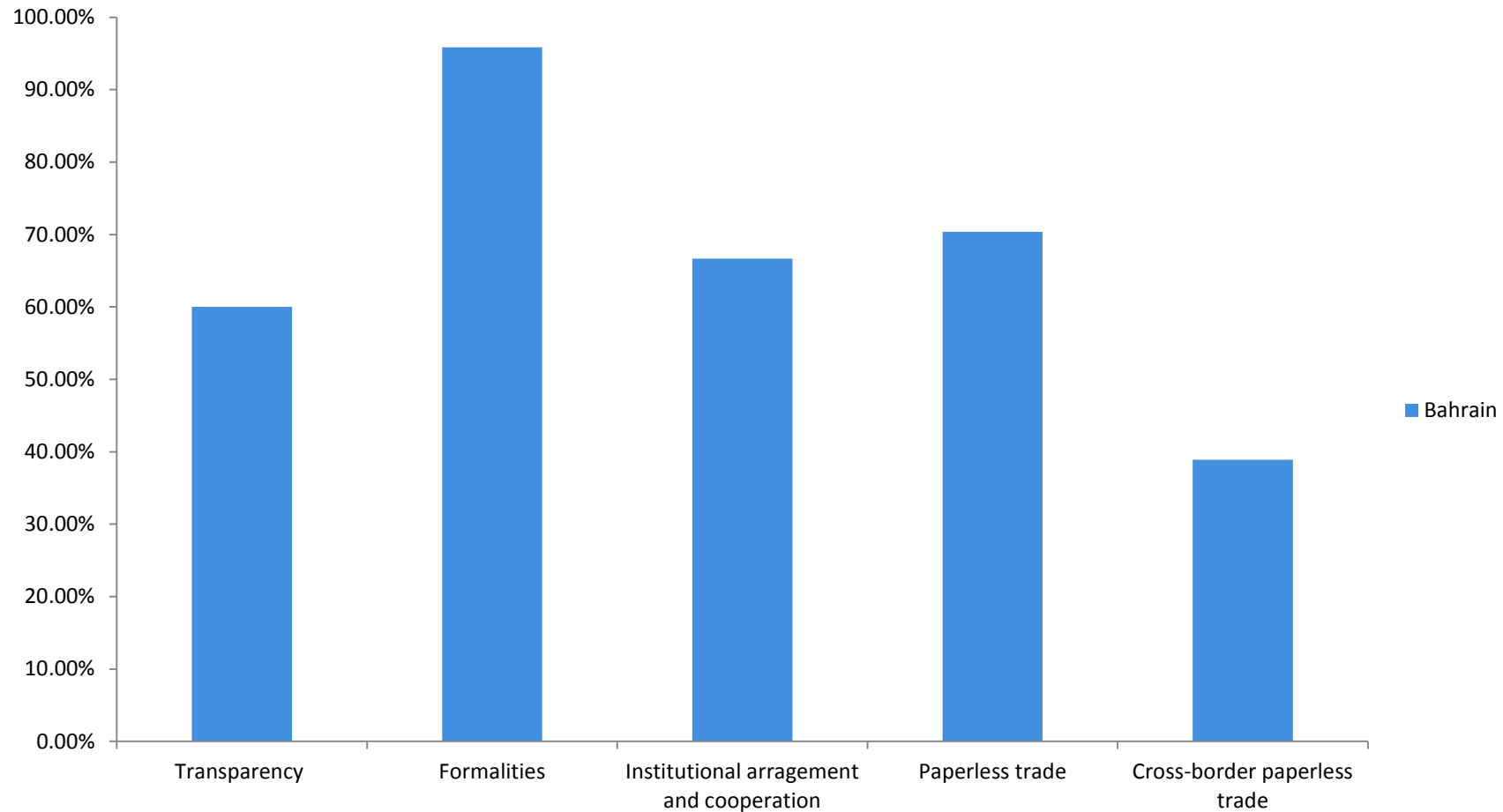
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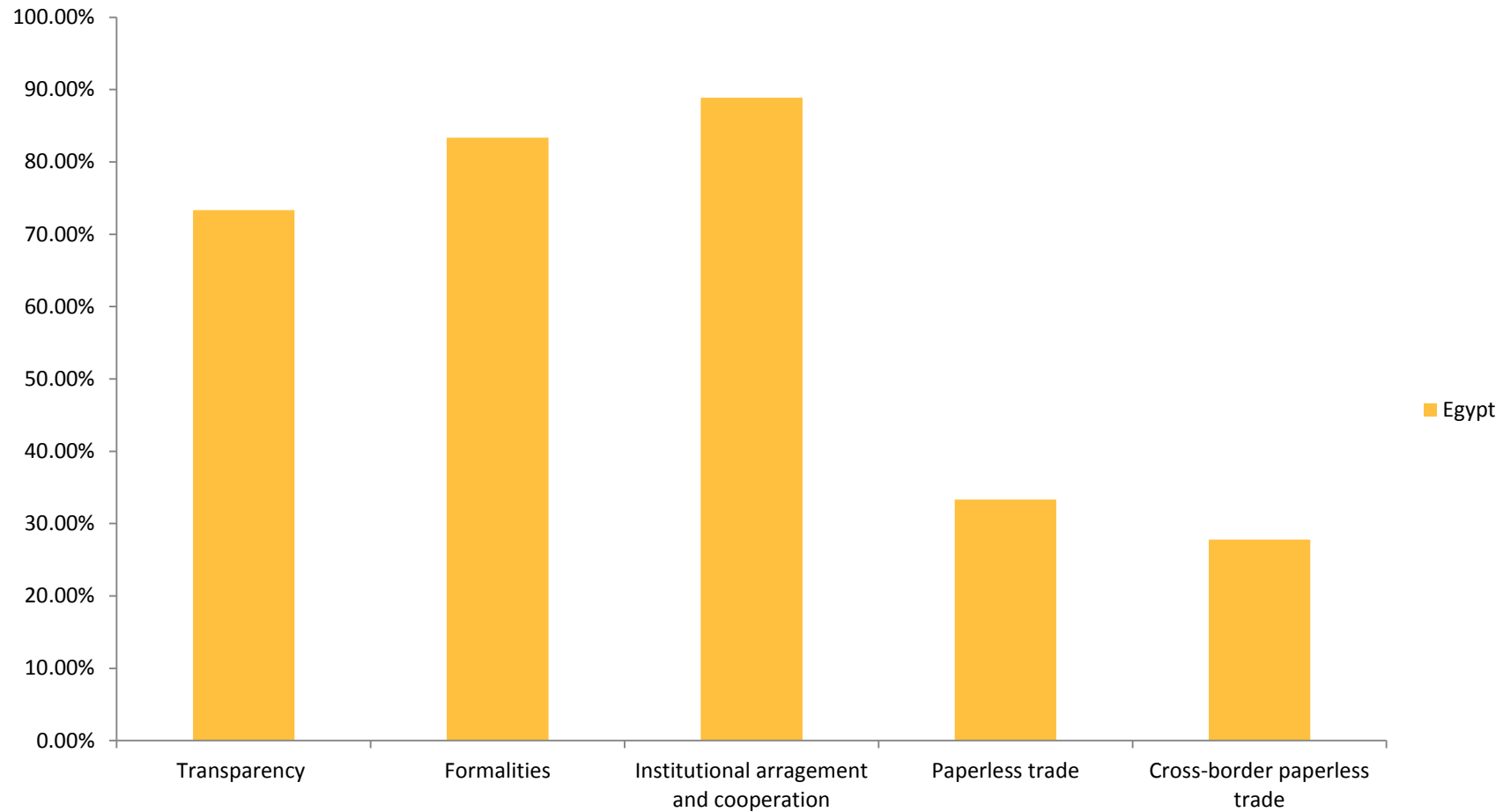
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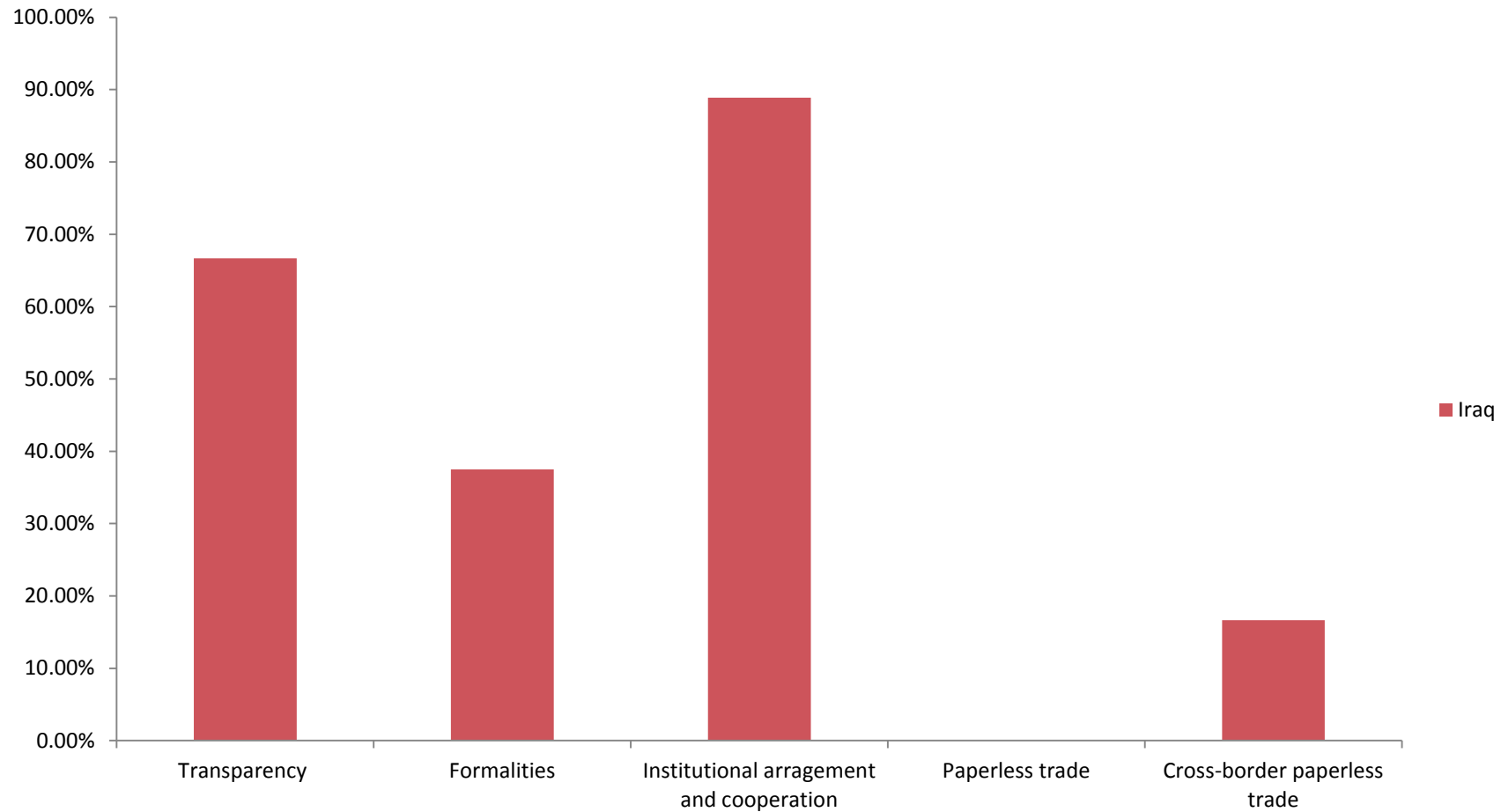
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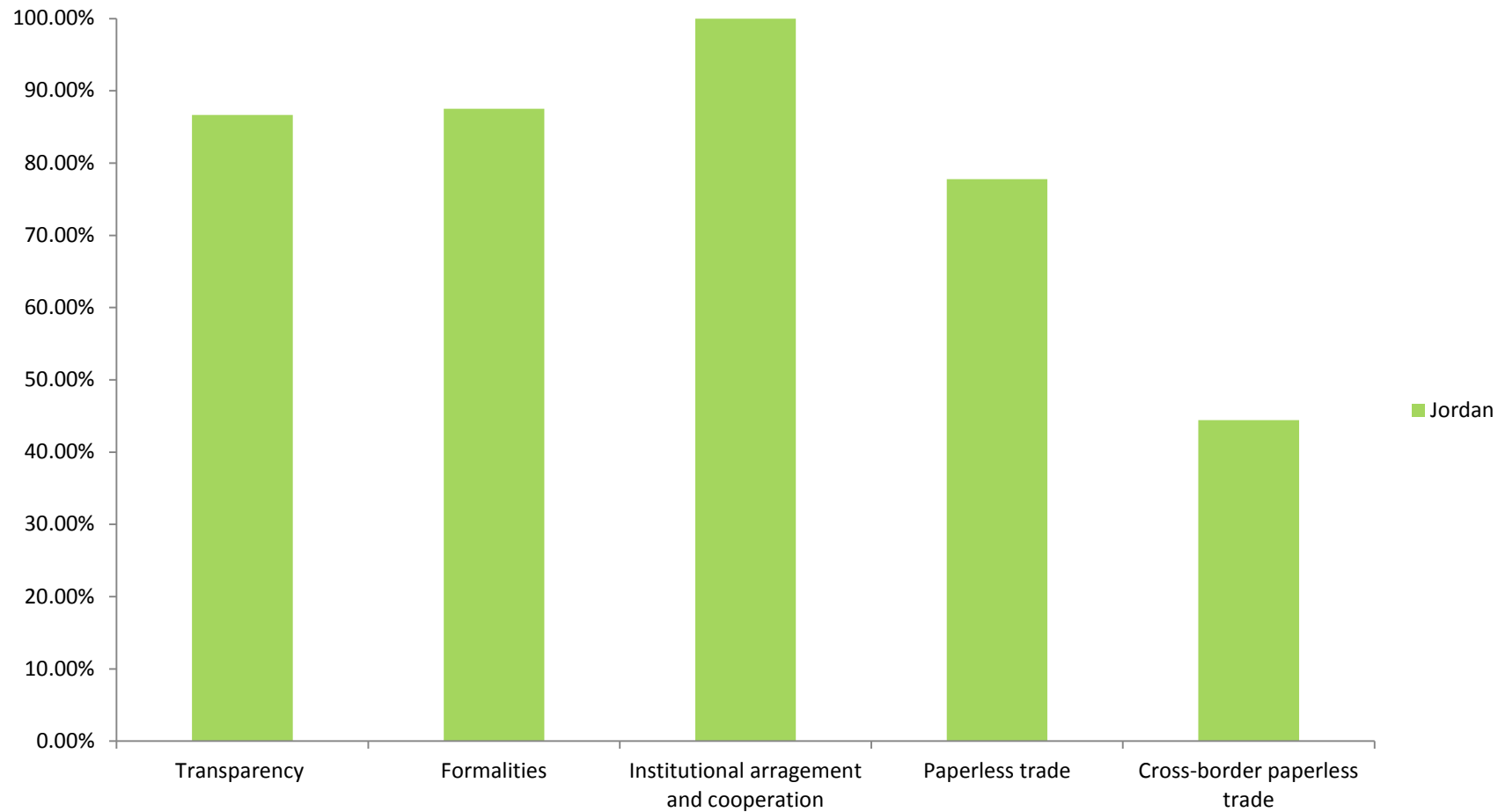
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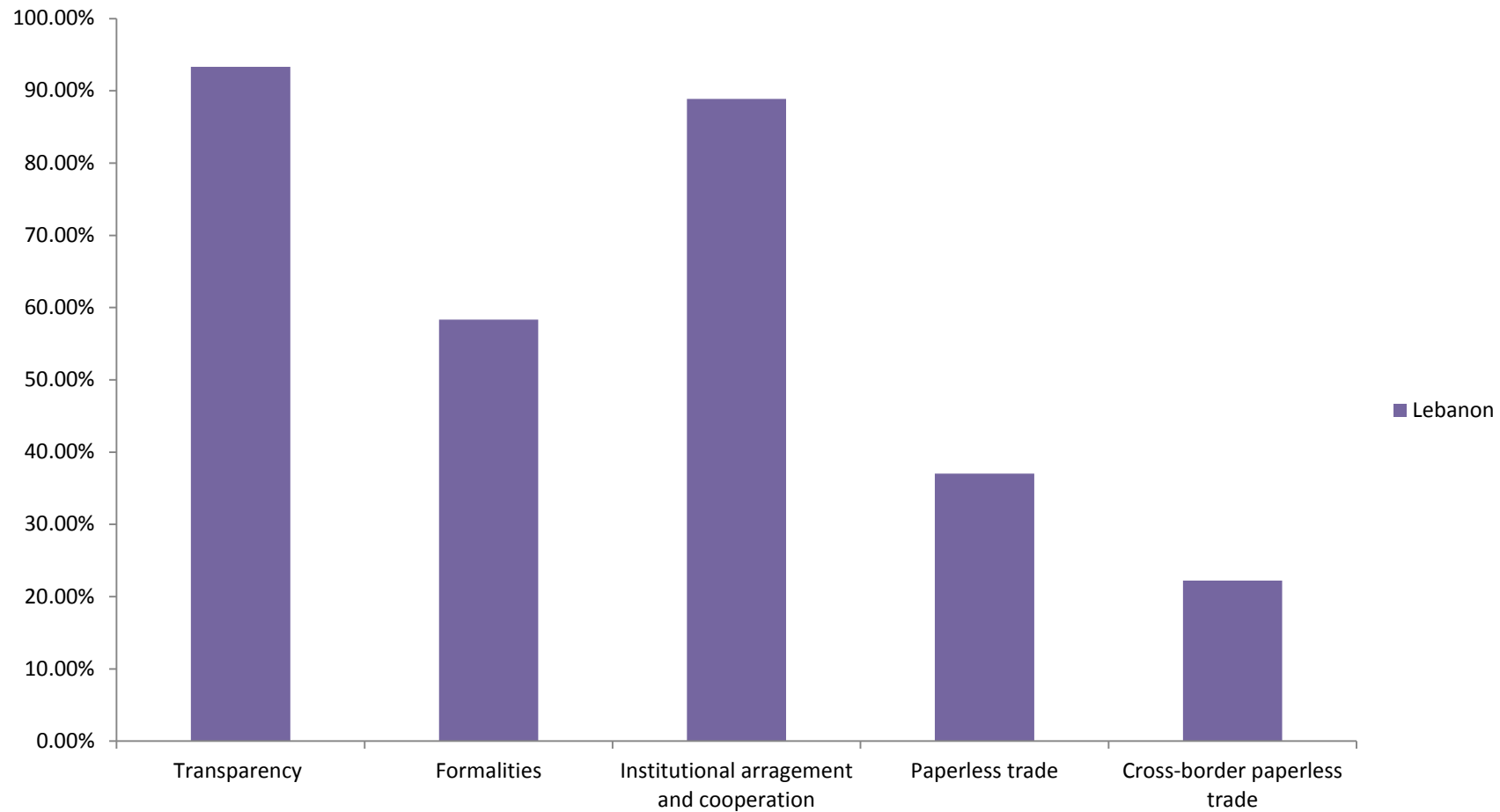
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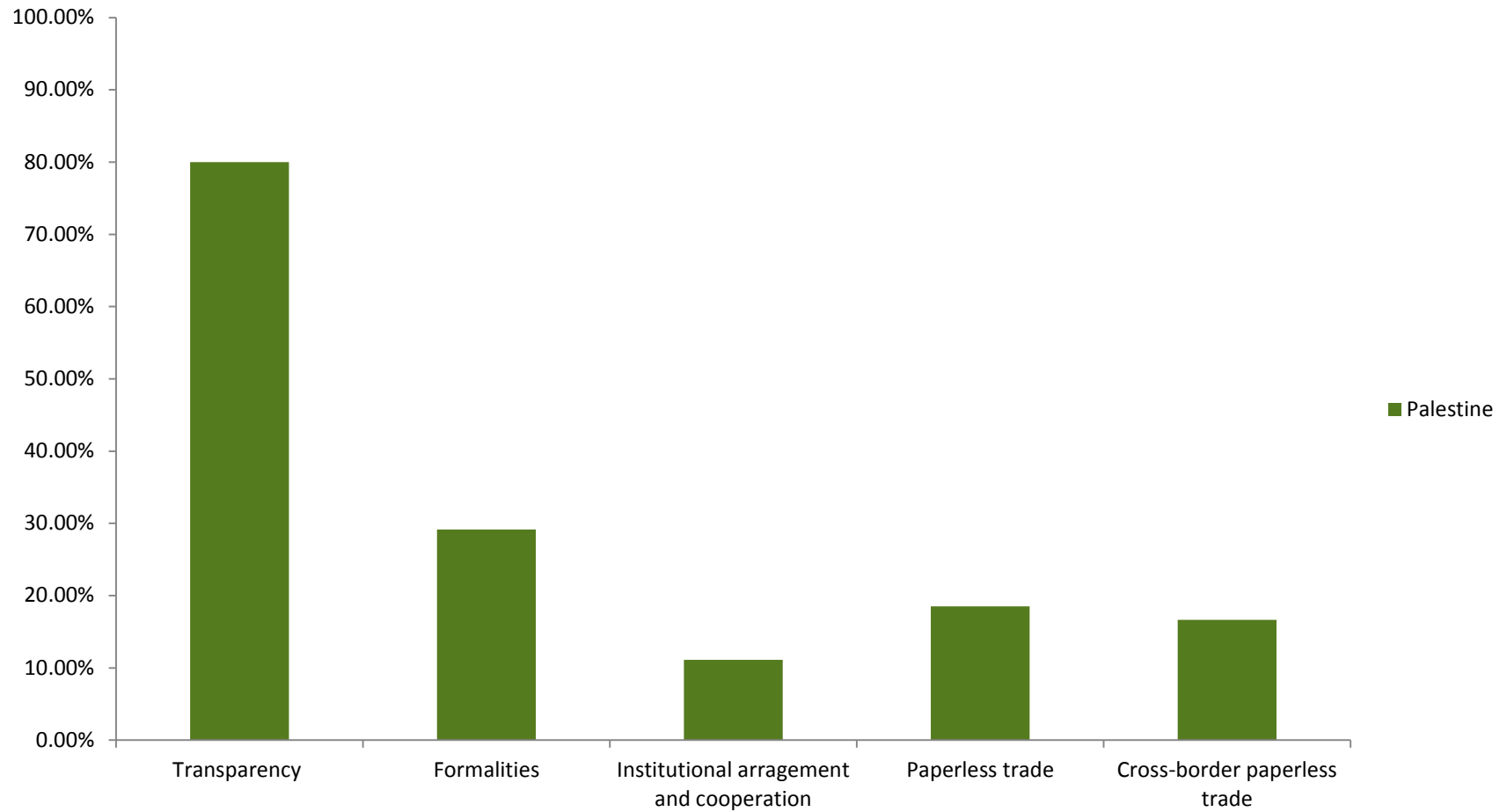
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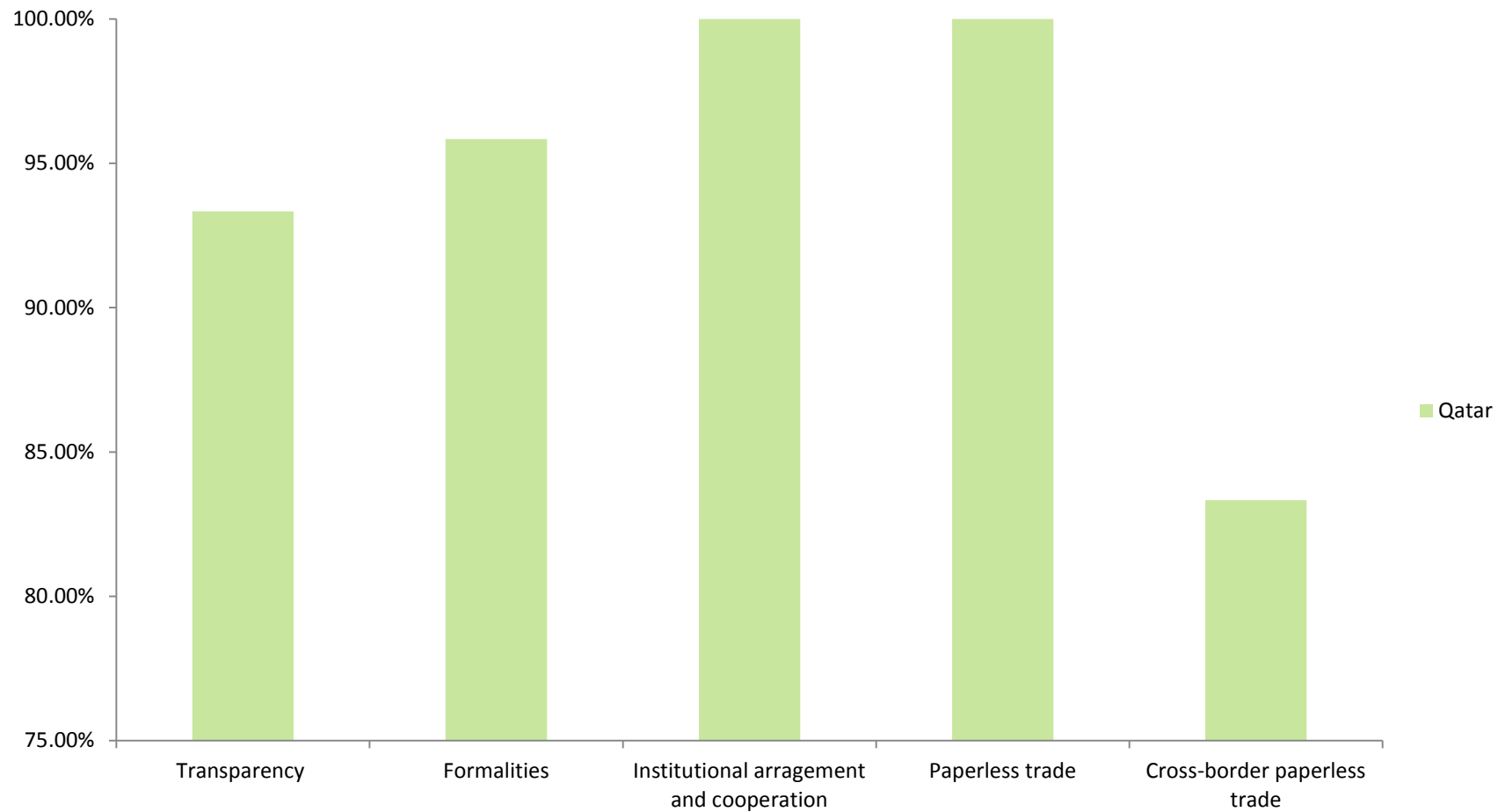
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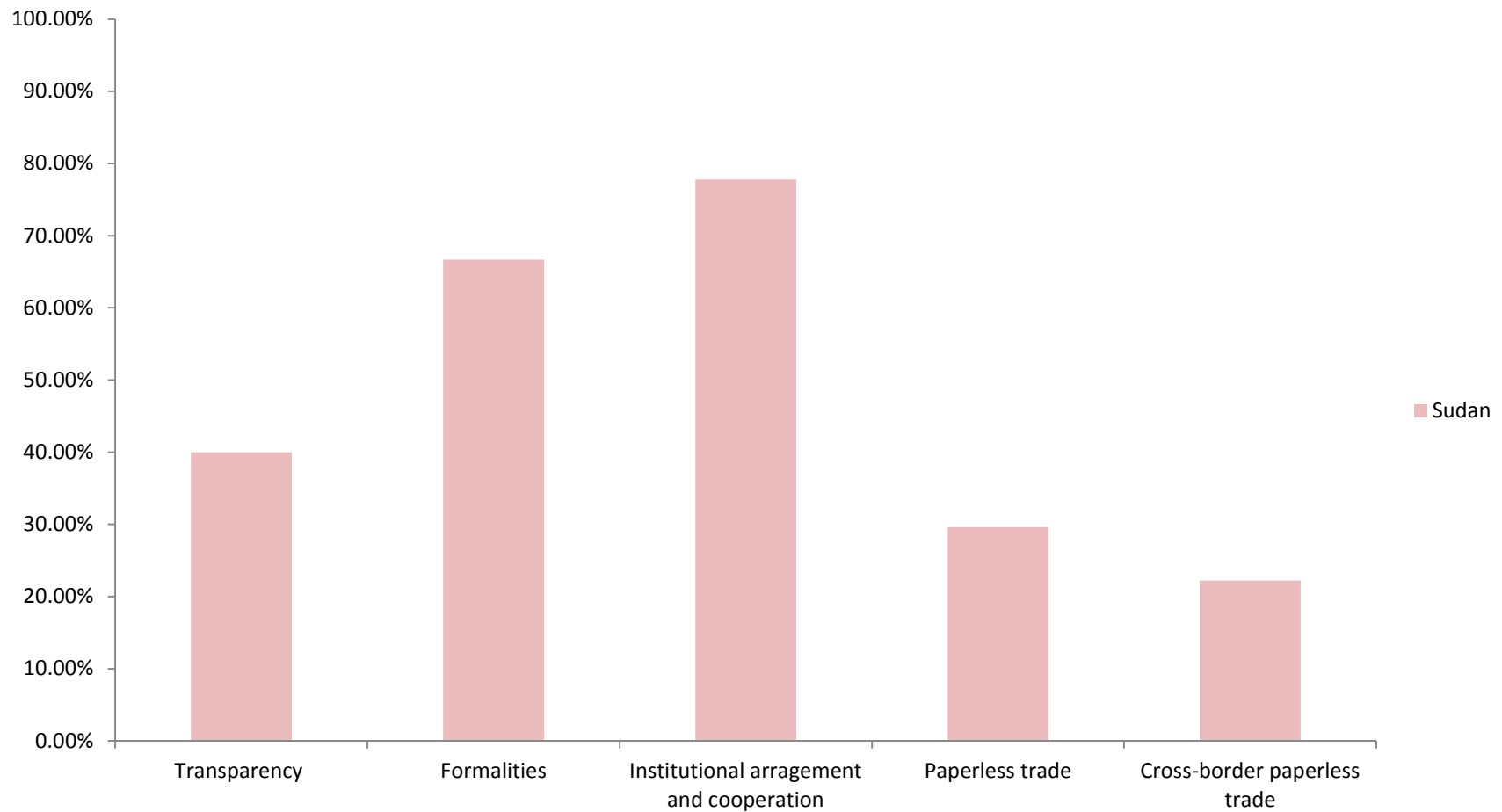
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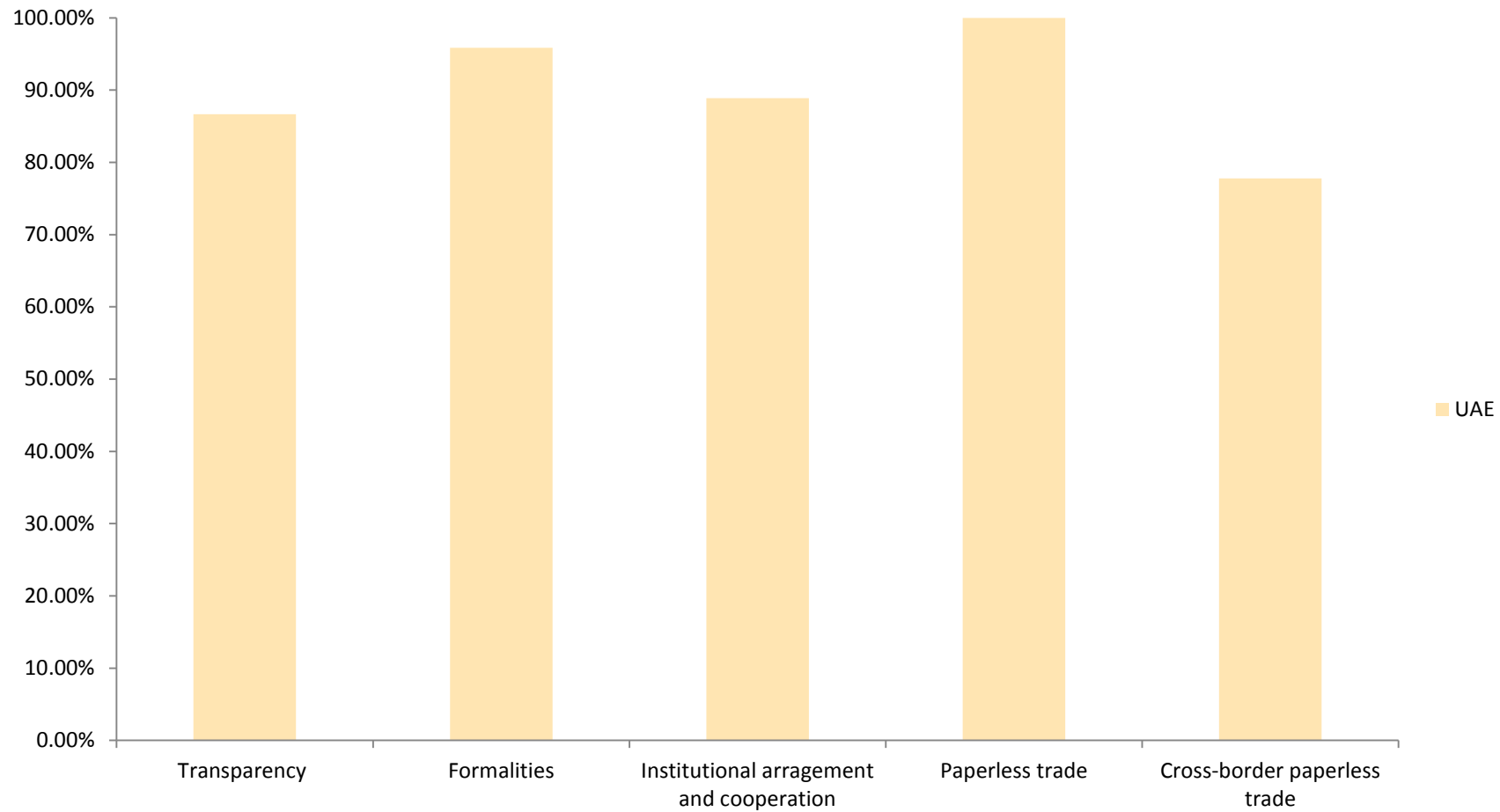
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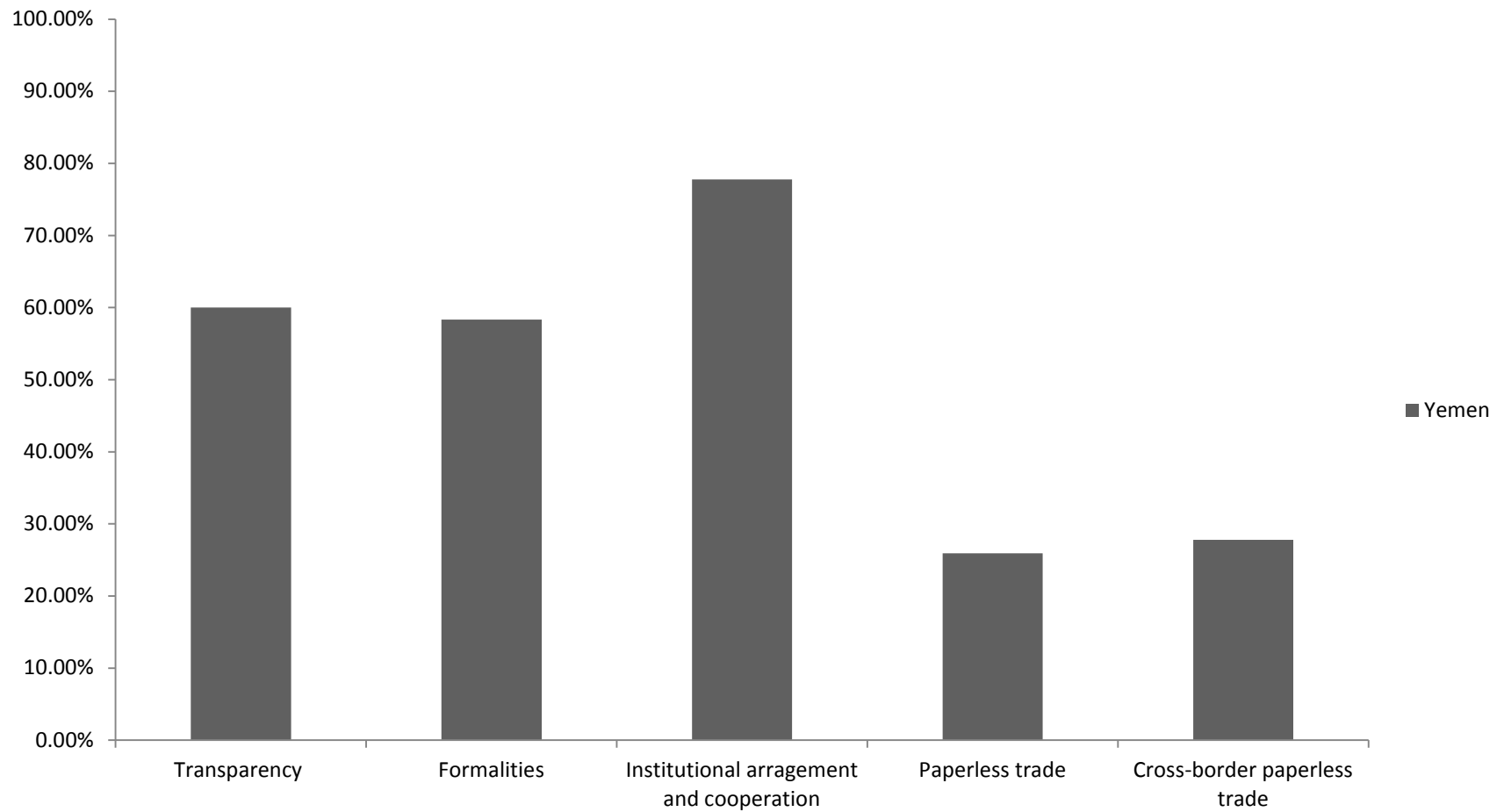
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Yemen



Conclusion

- Good progress in TF implementation and paperless trade.
- Important to implement beyond the border measures.
- Regional coordination mechanisms to improve regional performance.
- More investment on infrastructure efficiency to enhance competitiveness.

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