

Part A. Statistical data and graphics

In addition to all the statistical tables formerly or currently included in Volumes 1 to 4, this section contains more extensive historical statistical summaries and presentations of statistical data that have not previously been analysed for the Yearbook series.

This section also includes statistical data from the international meetings database for meetings of international organizations as published in the *International Congress Calendar*.

Where reference is made to "current" data, this necessarily refers to data collected for this edition (published in 2001) during the course of 2000. This latter date is therefore given for the sake of clarity.

The statistical data are also shown in standard graphical formats (pie charts, graphs, bar charts, etc.) and are accompanied by commentary on criteria, methodology and interpretation, including possible shortcomings and biases in the data and their analysis.

For further explanatory information, see Appendix 1: Methodological issues.