

**Figure 2.1.16. (a) Geographic distribution
Top international meeting countries – number of meetings: 2002**

Meetings taken into consideration include (a) those organized and/or sponsored by international organizations, and (b) some national meetings with international participation (provided they have a minimum of 300 participants, at least 40% foreign, at least 5 nationalities, and of at least 3 days duration). Excluded are meetings taking the form of religious gatherings, courses, party conferences, fairs, sales meetings, as well as closed administrative and expert meetings.

Countries listed had a minimum of 30 meetings in 2002.

After figure 2.1.17. (a) (next page) is shown a graphic representation of countries hosting 50 or more meetings in 2002 – figure 2.1.16 (b).

Country	Number of meetings	Percentage of all meetings
USA	1145	12.55%
France	565	6.19%
UK	505	5.53%
Germany	481	5.27%
Spain	392	4.30%
Italy	371	4.07%
Belgium	313	3.43%
Australia	281	3.08%
Canada	279	3.06%
Netherlands	267	2.93%
Switzerland	256	2.81%
Austria	243	2.66%
Japan	232	2.54%
Denmark	193	2.12%
China & Hong Kong	180	1.97%
Finland	168	1.84%
Sweden	164	1.80%
Singapore	137	1.50%
Portugal	131	1.44%
South Korea	123	1.35%
Greece	119	1.30%
South Africa	115	1.26%
Norway	110	1.21%
Brazil	104	1.14%
Thailand	103	1.13%
Poland	102	1.12%
Russia	102	1.12%
Hungary	97	1.06%
India	93	1.02%
Czech Rep	91	1.00%
Mexico	85	0.93%
Turkey	83	0.91%
Malaysia	70	0.77%
Egypt	65	0.71%
Ireland	52	0.57%
Argentina	47	0.52%
Chile	43	0.47%
Croatia	43	0.47%
Cuba	42	0.46%
Slovenia	42	0.46%
New Zealand	41	0.45%
Morocco	40	0.44%
Indonesia	37	0.41%
Philippines	35	0.38%
Slovakia	33	0.36%
Taiwan	31	0.34%
Iceland	30	0.33%