

**Figure 2.1.15. (a) Geographic distribution
Top international meeting countries – number of meetings: 2003**

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 2003.

After figure 2.1.16. (a) (next page) is shown a graphic representation of countries hosting 50 or more meetings in 2003 – figure 2.1.15 (b).

Country	Number of meetings	Percentage of all meetings
USA	1068	11.31%
France	647	6.85%
Germany	487	5.16%
Italy	437	4.63%
UK	420	4.45%
Spain	376	3.98%
Switzerland	322	3.41%
Belgium	283	3.00%
Austria	274	2.90%
Netherlands	268	2.84%
Sweden	232	2.46%
Australia	220	2.33%
Japan	219	2.32%
Canada	218	2.31%
Finland	185	1.96%
Greece	162	1.72%
Denmark	161	1.70%
South Korea	160	1.69%
Norway	125	1.32%
China, Hong Kong & Macau	123	1.30%
Singapore	122	1.29%
Mexico	120	1.27%
Portugal	115	1.22%
Poland	113	1.20%
Thailand	111	1.18%
Brazil	110	1.16%
India	101	1.07%
Czech Rep	101	1.07%
Hungary	101	1.07%
Russia	101	1.07%
South Africa	100	1.06%
Turkey	85	0.90%
Malaysia	64	0.68%
Ireland	63	0.67%
Cuba	47	0.50%
Argentina	46	0.49%
Chile	46	0.49%
New Zealand	45	0.48%
Egypt	42	0.44%
Philippines	42	0.44%
Croatia	41	0.43%
Romania	41	0.43%
Slovenia	39	0.41%
Estonia	36	0.38%
Kenya	33	0.35%
Taiwan	33	0.35%
Indonesia	32	0.34%
Morocco	31	0.33%
Uruguay	30	0.32%
Bulgaria	30	0.32%
Iceland	30	0.32%
Total meetings (listed here)	8438	89.34%