

**Figure 2.1.15. (a) Geographic distribution
Top international meeting countries – number of meetings: 2004**

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 2004.

After figure 2.1.16. (a) (next page) is shown a graphic representation of countries hosting 50 or more meetings in 2004 – figure 2.1.15 (b).

Country	Number of meetings	Percentage of all meetings
USA	1080	11.79%
France	552	6.03%
Germany	491	5.36%
UK	377	4.12%
Spain	361	3.94%
Italy	336	3.67%
Switzerland	302	3.30%
Belgium	282	3.08%
Austria	279	3.05%
China, HK & Macau	231	2.52%
Australia	224	2.45%
Netherlands	208	2.27%
Japan	206	2.25%
Canada	197	2.15%
Denmark	175	1.91%
Sweden	166	1.81%
South Korea	164	1.79%
Singapore	156	1.70%
Finland	156	1.70%
Greece	148	1.62%
Portugal	135	1.47%
Hungary	128	1.40%
South Africa	113	1.23%
Brazil	108	1.18%
Czech Rep	108	1.18%
Norway	108	1.18%
Russia	107	1.17%
Poland	105	1.15%
Mexico	104	1.14%
India	99	1.08%
Thailand	99	1.08%
Turkey	94	1.03%
Malaysia	84	0.92%
Ireland	78	0.85%
Iceland	70	0.76%
Argentina	63	0.69%
Slovenia	54	0.59%
Chile	53	0.58%
Egypt	52	0.57%
Croatia	47	0.51%
Slovakia	41	0.45%
Taiwan	38	0.41%
Romania	36	0.39%
New Zealand	34	0.37%
United Arab Emirates	31	0.34%
Bulgaria	31	0.34%
Morocco	30	0.33%
Meetings (listed here)	8141	88.88%
Total meetings in 2004	9160	