

**Figure 2.1.15. (a) Geographic distribution
Top international meeting countries – number of meetings: 2005**

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 2005.

After figure 2.1.16. (a) (next page) is shown a graphic representation of countries hosting 50 or more meetings in 2005 – figure 2.1.15 (b).

Country	Number of meetings	Percentage of all meetings
USA	1039	11.61%
France	590	6.59%
Germany	410	4.58%
UK	386	4.31%
Italy	382	4.27%
Spain	368	4.11%
Netherlands	341	3.81%
Austria	314	3.51%
Switzerland	268	2.99%
Belgium	242	2.70%
China & Hong Kong & Macau	216	2.41%
Canada	214	2.39%
Australia	200	2.23%
South Korea	185	2.07%
Singapore	177	1.98%
Sweden	170	1.90%
Japan	168	1.88%
Denmark	138	1.54%
Greece	136	1.52%
Portugal	125	1.40%
Finland	119	1.33%
Poland	118	1.32%
Hungary	117	1.31%
Turkey	109	1.22%
Brazil	107	1.20%
India	106	1.18%
Czech Rep	103	1.15%
South Africa	100	1.12%
Norway	98	1.09%
Russia	85	0.95%
Argentina	74	0.83%
Thailand	74	0.83%
Mexico	73	0.82%
Ireland	70	0.78%
Malaysia	61	0.68%
Egypt	48	0.54%
Croatia	46	0.51%
Chile	45	0.50%
Lithuania	43	0.48%
Kenya	41	0.46%
Cuba	40	0.45%
Colombia	37	0.41%
Indonesia	37	0.41%
New Zealand	37	0.41%
Slovenia	37	0.41%
Malta	33	0.37%
Philippines	32	0.36%
Meetings (listed here)	7991	89.25%
Total meetings in 2005	8953	