

**Figure 2.1.15. (a) Geographic distribution
Top international meeting countries – number of meetings: 2006**

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 2006.

After figure 2.1.16. (a) (next page) is shown a graphic representation of countries hosting 50 or more meetings in 2006 – figure 2.1.15 (b).

Country	Number of meetings	Percentage of all meetings
USA	894	10.08%
France	634	7.15%
Germany	434	4.89%
Netherlands	391	4.41%
Austria	382	4.31%
Spain	362	4.08%
UK	350	3.95%
Finland	325	3.66%
Italy	324	3.65%
Singapore	298	3.36%
Switzerland	288	3.25%
Belgium	239	2.69%
Canada	230	2.59%
China, HK & Macau	204	2.30%
Australia	202	2.28%
South Korea	185	2.09%
Sweden	176	1.98%
Japan	166	1.87%
Greece	136	1.53%
Portugal	118	1.33%
Brazil	110	1.24%
Hungary	108	1.22%
Denmark	106	1.19%
Czech Rep	105	1.18%
India	93	1.05%
Turkey	93	1.05%
Poland	91	1.03%
South Africa	90	1.01%
Norway	87	0.98%
Mexico	81	0.91%
Russia	75	0.85%
Thailand	68	0.77%
Argentina	66	0.74%
Malaysia	52	0.59%
Croatia	51	0.57%
Egypt	49	0.55%
Slovenia	40	0.45%
United Arab Emirates	39	0.44%
Ireland	39	0.44%
Taiwan	37	0.42%
Morocco	35	0.39%
Romania	33	0.37%
Meetings (listed here)	7886	88.90%
Total meetings in 2006	8871	