

Section 9: Table 4.1. Long-term review

Top international meeting countries in 1857-2006

This table lists the number of meetings of type A for the years 1857 to 2006 for countries with a total of at least 100 meetings of type A over the course of these 150 years.

Meetings counted under the heading “A” are “Meetings of international organizations” and meet all the following criteria:

- meetings organized or sponsored by “international organizations”, i.e. international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) and intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) that are included in the UIA's *Yearbook of International Organizations* (see the Introduction “What is an ‘international organization’”) and whose details are subject to systematic collection and updates on an annual basis by the UIA
- with at least 50 participants, or number of participants unknown.

(*) **Note:** For this table the editors have chosen to group defunct countries under their current names in cases where exactly the same territory is covered. In practical terms for this edition, this affects only Germany.

Countries are listed in alphabetical order. Meetings are totalled in 25 year periods.

Caveat: When comparing consecutive years in flux, it should be remembered that both years' totals can be expected to change over time, the latest slightly more rapidly than the older. For the years presented here, the data can be assumed to be now reasonably stable.

Data for the years prior to 1983 require special mention. The UIA meetings database – the source of this statistics report and of the *International Congress Calendar* – contains, with few exceptions, only information since 1983, the year in which the UIA installed its own computerized data storage system. Most data in this report for the years prior to 1983 were collected not by the rigorous collection methods under which the *International Congress Calendar* operates, but by the more flexible (insofar as recording meeting activity is concerned) standards of the *Yearbook of International Organizations*. The *Yearbook* presents a general picture of an organization and its activities (including its events) while the *Calendar* focuses exclusively on documenting events. It should therefore not be assumed that the data for the years prior to 1983, in most cases extracted from the *Yearbook* and not from the *Calendar*, give a complete history of the meetings of all organizations and associations. The volume of data available for analysis in this section is, however, sufficient to make it indicative.

Total meetings of type A							Total meetings of type A						
Country	1857-1881	1882-1906	1907-1931	1932-1956	1957-1981	1982-2006	Country	1857-1881	1882-1906	1907-1931	1932-1956	1957-1981	1982-2006
Algeria	0	1	1	5	44	208	France	20	103	104	315	1605	17000
Argentina	0	0	5	18	180	1597	Gabon	0	0	0	0	14	114
Australia	0	0	3	11	302	4892	Gambia	0	0	0	0	3	123
Austria	5	19	36	64	718	6011	Germany	9	43	54	151	1627	11866
Bahamas	0	0	0	0	13	163	Ghana	0	0	0	1	40	362
Bahrain	0	0	0	0	5	146	Greece	0	3	1	10	236	2812
Bangladesh	0	0	0	0	7	261	Guatemala	0	0	1	3	30	293
Barbados	0	0	0	0	22	263	Guyana	0	0	0	0	18	103
Belgium	11	63	88	166	730	8300	Honduras	0	0	0	2	10	105
Benin	0	0	0	0	6	156	Hong Kong	0	0	0	0	70	1211
Bolivia	0	0	0	1	17	244	Hungary	1	9	19	13	205	2805
Botswana	0	0	0	0	1	149	Iceland	0	0	0	0	32	621
Brazil	0	1	1	38	245	2598	India	0	0	0	18	237	2511
Brunei Darussalam	0	0	0	0	0	144	Indonesia	0	0	2	0	101	1165
Bulgaria	0	0	0	0	139	664	Iran Islamic Rep	0	0	0	1	47	221
Burkina Faso	0	0	0	0	5	235	Iraq	0	0	0	1	34	75
Cambodia	0	0	0	0	1	114	Ireland	0	0	1	7	185	1562
Cameroon	0	0	0	0	21	262	Israel	0	0	0	7	236	1326
Canada	0	0	9	33	575	5812	Italy	10	35	52	212	1133	10136
Chile	0	0	1	18	75	1043	Jamaica	0	0	0	0	50	377
China	0	0	0	0	4	2472	Japan	0	0	3	8	528	4614
Colombia	0	0	0	5	101	732	Jordan	0	0	0	1	10	342
Congo Brazzaville	0	0	0	0	6	104	Kenya	0	0	0	2	84	939
Congo DR	0	0	0	0	23	83	Korea Rep	0	0	0	0	81	2072
Costa Rica	0	0	0	2	45	574	Kuwait	0	0	0	0	9	120
Côte d'Ivoire	0	0	0	0	43	340	Latvia	0	0	0	3	0	314
Croatia	0	0	0	0	0	606	Lebanon	0	0	0	0	25	279
Cuba	0	1	2	15	26	720	Libyan AJ	0	0	0	0	18	121
Cyprus	0	0	0	0	12	481	Lithuania	0	0	0	2	0	332
Czech Rep	0	0	13	23	183	2416	Luxembourg	1	0	5	22	83	825
Denmark	1	6	18	74	407	3809	Malawi	0	0	0	0	7	97
Dominican Rep	0	0	0	1	39	341	Malaysia	0	0	0	0	92	1708
Ecuador	0	0	0	0	51	497	Mali	0	0	0	0	7	137
Egypt	0	0	1	10	77	1297	Malta	0	0	1	0	33	525
El Salvador	0	0	0	1	20	125	Mauritius	0	0	0	0	10	202
Estonia	0	0	0	4	0	380	Mexico	0	3	1	30	338	2167
Ethiopia	0	0	0	0	24	429	Monaco	0	1	1	7	79	381
Fiji	0	0	0	2	18	250	Morocco	0	0	0	3	61	799
Finland	0	0	3	25	294	3836	Mozambique	0	0	0	0	4	103

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Namibia	0	0	0	0	0	109	Spain	1	4	27	67	638	7566
Nepal	0	0	0	1	8	263	Sri Lanka	0	0	0	3	46	353
Netherlands	3	16	68	152	766	7496	Sudan	0	0	0	0	16	114
New Caledonia	0	0	0	1	10	119	Sweden	2	4	34	83	541	4170
New Zealand	0	0	1	5	80	929	Switzerland	9	43	59	194	934	7809
Nicaragua	0	0	0	0	11	110	Syrian AR	0	0	0	2	25	200
Niger	0	0	0	0	9	109	Taiwan	0	0	0	0	49	822
Nigeria	0	0	0	2	70	448	Tanzania UR	0	0	0	0	19	332
Norway	0	4	8	37	245	2727	Thailand	0	0	0	3	122	2256
Pakistan	0	0	0	4	23	354	Togo	0	0	0	0	21	160
Panama	0	1	0	0	56	334	Trinidad-Tobago	0	0	0	0	23	353
Paraguay	0	0	0	0	16	165	Tunisia	0	0	1	0	71	665
Peru	0	0	0	15	78	653	Turkey	0	0	0	20	105	1577
Philippines	0	0	0	6	238	1369	Uganda	0	0	0	0	7	266
Poland	0	0	13	13	236	2258	UK	10	37	104	237	1472	12390
Portugal	1	3	2	26	169	2938	Ukraine	0	0	0	0	0	303
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	3	48	335	United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	0	9	351
Qatar	0	0	0	0	5	99	Uruguay	0	0	0	9	31	505
Romania	0	0	4	13	92	629	USA	3	21	58	170	1919	24363
Russia	3	6	1	0	0	1657	USSR	0	0	1	2	235	501
Saudi Arabia	0	0	1	0	32	162	Venezuela	0	0	0	6	147	668
Senegal	0	0	0	0	58	525	Vietnam	0	0	0	0	2	348
Serbia-Montenegro	0	0	0	0	0	117	Yugoslavia (SFRY)	0	0	0	0	4	291
Singapore	0	0	0	0	98	2123	Yugoslavia	0	0	0	21	273	157
Slovakia	0	0	0	0	0	533	Zambia	0	0	0	0	23	182
Slovenia	0	0	0	0	0	728	Zimbabwe	0	0	0	0	5	491
South Africa	0	0	1	1	54	1940							