Figure 7.4.
Languages most commonly used by intergovernmental organizations
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The data in this figure are extracted from Figure 7.1.

This figure lists languages in descending order of the number of intergovernmental organizations of Types A to D whose descriptions in Volume 1 of this Yearbook series specify the use, whether officially or informally, of those languages.

See 1.3. “Types of organization” for more information on organization types.

In addition, totals are given at the end of each row by cluster. The organization types allocated to each cluster are as follows:

Cluster I (International organizations): Types A B C D F
Cluster II (Dependent organizations): Types E K R
Cluster III (Organizational substitutes): Types S T
Cluster IV (National organizations): Types G N
Cluster V (Dead, inactive and unconfirmed bodies): Types H J U

Language	CLUSTER A-D	I	II	III	IV	V	TOTAL A-U
English (I)	197	567	575	2	22	313	1479
French (I)	119	322	355	0	12	244	933
Spanish (I)	68	176	197	0	3	114	490
Arabic (M)	53	113	130	0	1	70	314
Russian (I)	35	85	105	0	2	49	241
Portuguese (I)	31	71	67	0	1	52	191
German (I)	18	48	44	0	6	40	138
Chinese (M)	16	43	61	0	1	24	129
Swedish (I)	10	23	22	0	1	39	85
Danish (I)	9	20	19	0	0	35	74
Italian (I)	9	24	19	0	2	17	62
Norwegian (M)	8	17	17	0	2	27	63
Dutch (I)	7	16	19	0	3	16	54
Icelandic (I)	4	10	6	0	0	13	29
Finnish (I)	3	12	13	0	0	20	45
Czech (I)	2	6	9	0	2	8	25
Estonian (M)	2	6	7	0	0	4	17
Faroese (I)	2	4	2	0	1	8	15
Hungarian (I)	2	6	8	0	0	9	23
Irish Gaelic (I)	2	5	7	0	1	10	23
Latvian (M)	2	6	6	0	0	4	16
Lithuanian (I)	2	6	7	0	0	4	17

Language	CLUSTER A-D	I	II	III	IV	V	TOTAL A-U
Maltese (I)	2	5	6	0	0	4	15
Polish (I)	2	8	8	0	1	8	25
Slovakian (I)	2	6	7	0	1	8	22
Slovene (I)	2	7	8	0	0	5	20
Bulgarian (I)	1	3	5	0	0	8	16
Croatian (I)	1	6	4	0	0	1	11
Filipino (I)	1	1	2	0	0	0	3
Indonesian (I)	1	1	6	0	0	1	8
Japanese (I)	1	2	7	0	0	1	10
Korean (I)	1	2	1	0	1	0	4
Laotian (I)	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Malay (I)	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Mon-Khmer languages (F)	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Persian (M)	1	1	1	0	0	2	4
Romanian (I)	1	4	5	0	0	7	16
Tamil (I)	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Thai (I)	1	2	5	0	1	0	8
Turkish (I)	1	4	2	0	0	1	7
UN languages (O)	1	3	0	0	0	0	3
Vietnamese (I)	1	1	1	0	0	3	5

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