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This issue of the *ICSID Caseload – Statistics* updates the profile of the ICSID caseload, historically and for the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY2021). It is based on cases registered or administered by ICSID as of June 30, 2021.

This report illustrates: the number of cases registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules; the number of cases administered by ICSID; the basis of consent invoked for ICSID jurisdiction; the geographic distribution of ICSID cases by the State party to the dispute;<sup>1</sup> and the economic sectors involved in ICSID disputes.<sup>2</sup> It also contains data on outcomes in ICSID arbitration and conciliation proceedings, including further information on disputes decided by arbitral tribunals, data on discontinued ICSID arbitration proceedings, and outcomes to date in annulment proceedings under the ICSID Convention. The nationalities, geographic origins and gender of arbitrators, conciliators and *ad hoc* committee members appointed in ICSID cases are also featured.

The Secretariat will continue to publish the *ICSID Caseload – Statistics* on a bi-annual basis and welcomes any comments or suggestions by email at [ICSIDsecretariat@worldbank.org](mailto:ICSIDsecretariat@worldbank.org).

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<sup>1</sup> The classification of the geographic regions is based on the World Bank's regional system, available at <https://www.worldbank.org/en/where-we-work>, and also includes World Bank donor countries.

<sup>2</sup> The economic sector classification is based on the World Bank's sector codes, available at <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-sector>.

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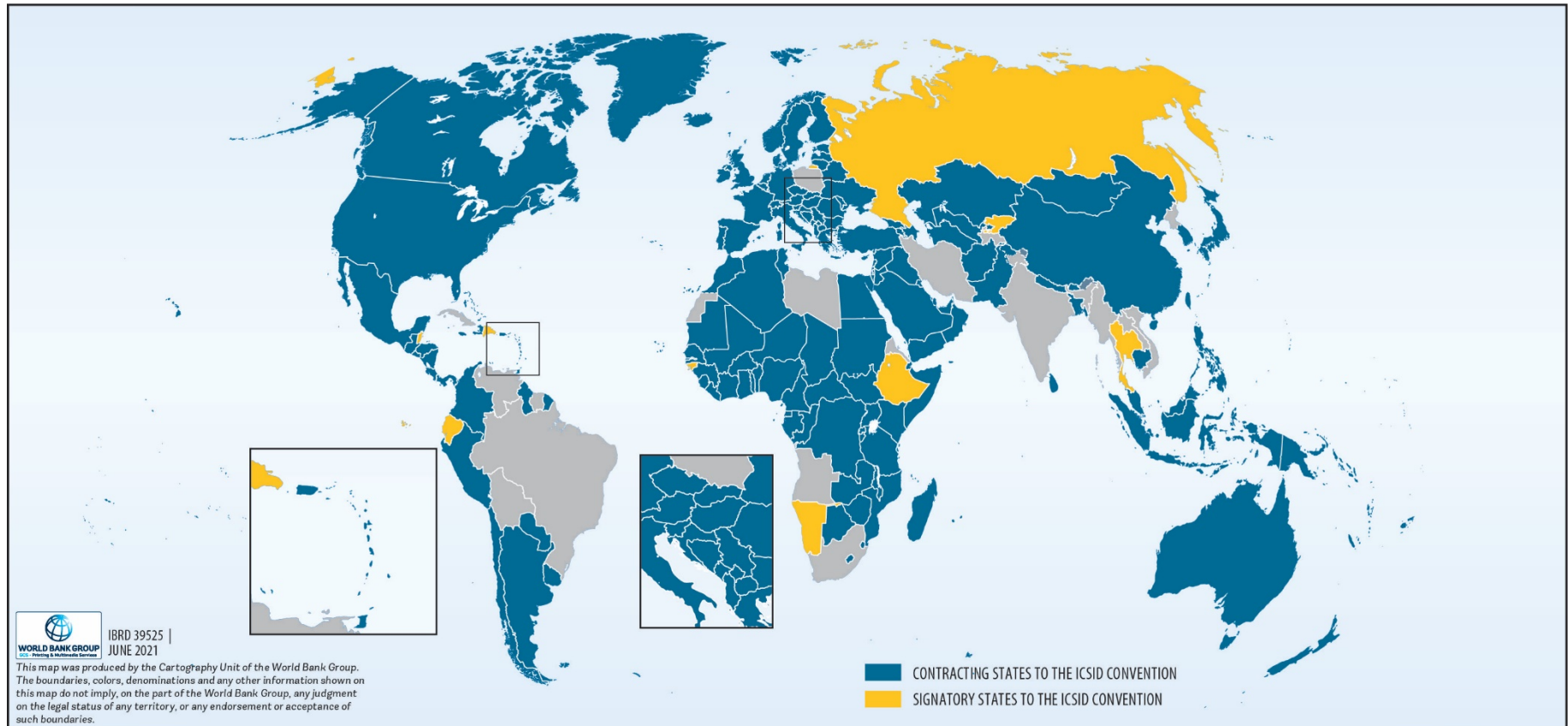
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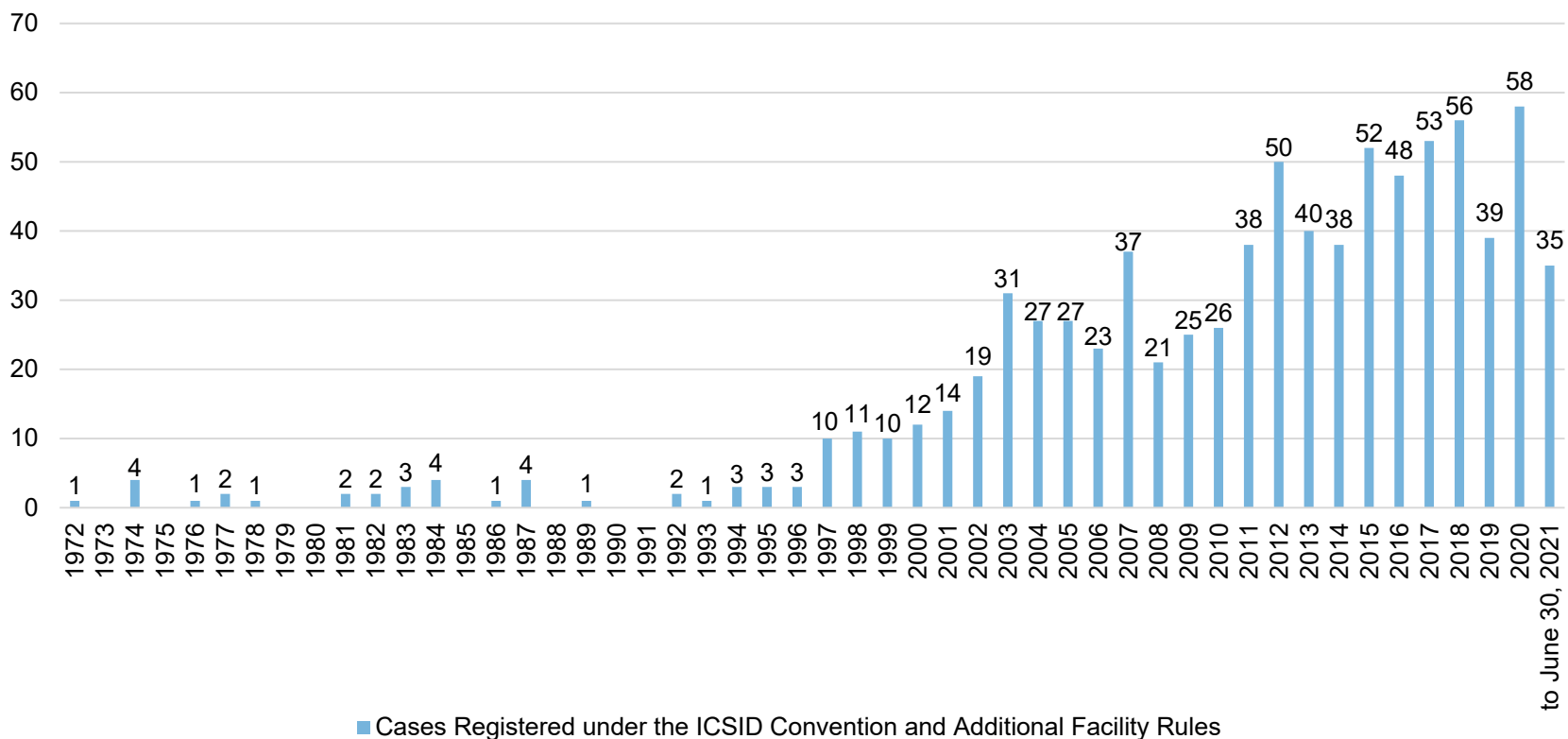
**PART I**  
**ALL CASES REGISTERED AND ADMINISTERED**  
**BY ICSID**

## 1. Map of the Contracting States and Other Signatories of the ICSID Convention as of June 30, 2021



## 2. Cases Registered by ICSID under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules

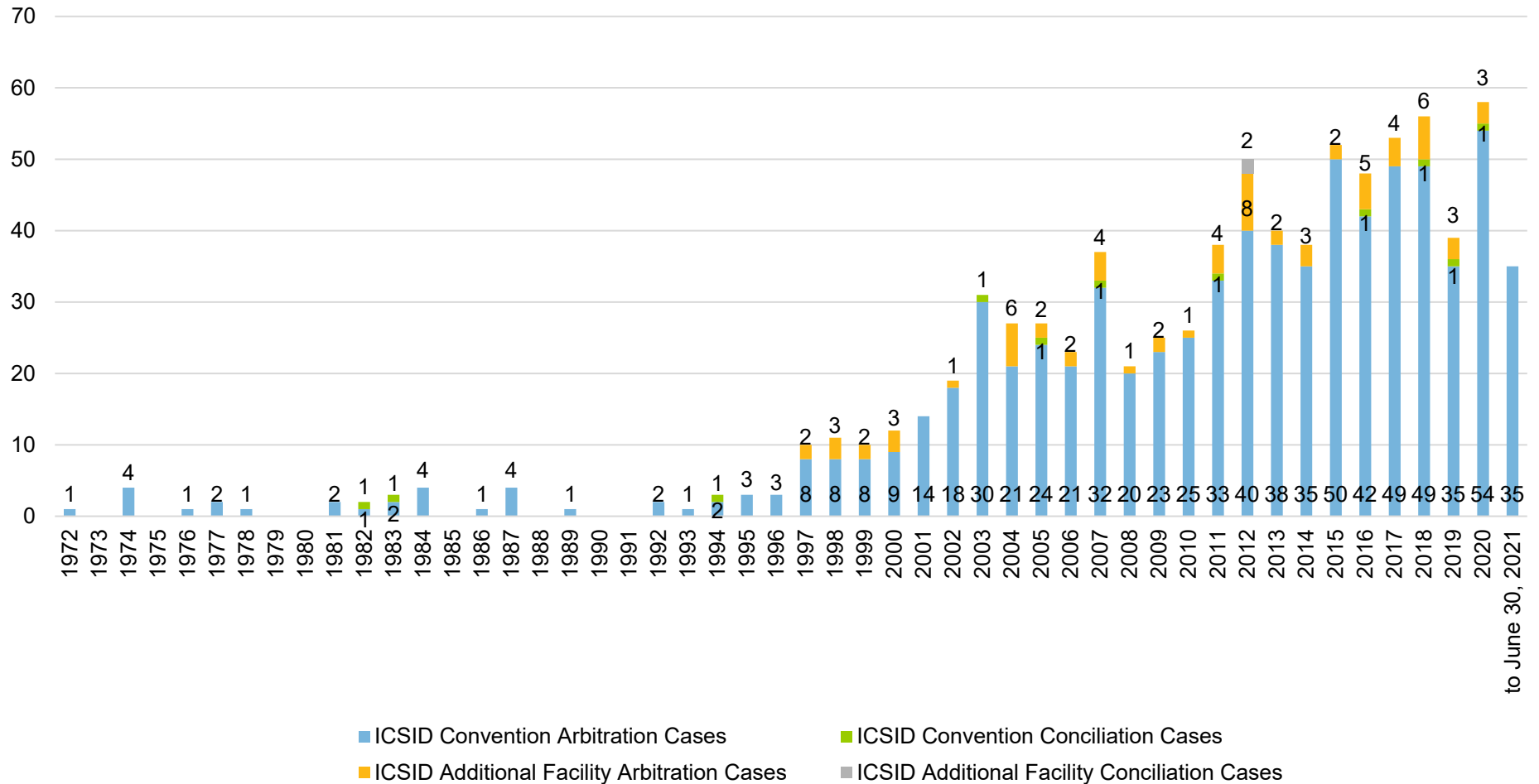
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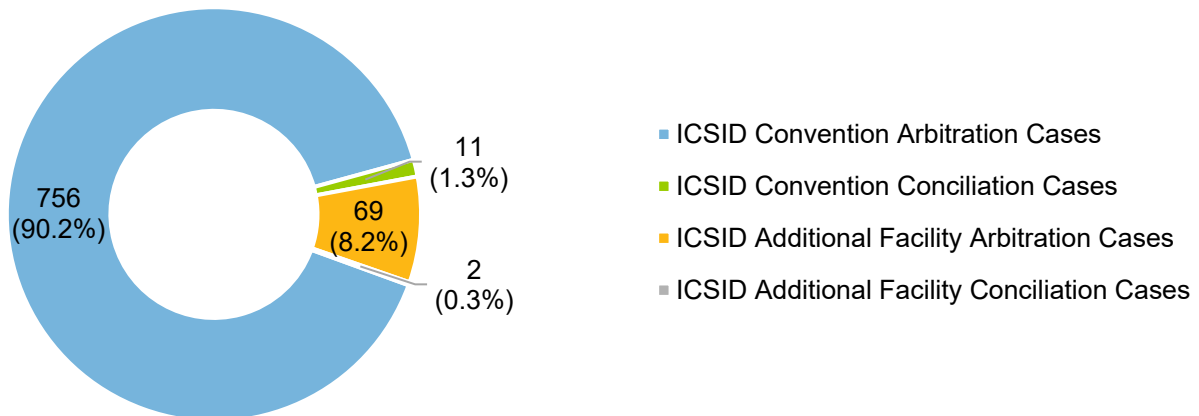
As of June 30, 2021, ICSID had registered 838 cases under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules.



**Chart 2: Number of ICSID Cases Registered, by Calendar Year**



**Chart 3: Type of ICSID Cases Registered**



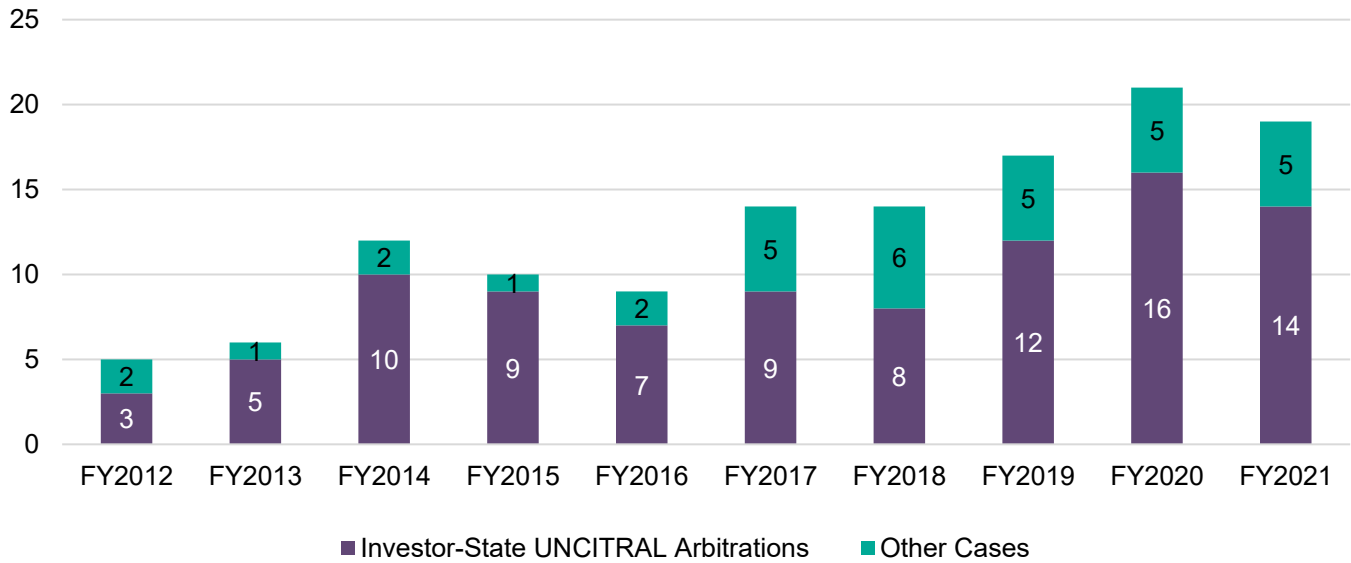
### 3. Cases Administered by the ICSID Secretariat under the ICSID Convention, the Additional Facility Rules and Other Rules

The ICSID Secretariat offers administrative support and facilities in State-State and investor-State proceedings conducted under non-ICSID rules. Among the State-State cases administered by ICSID are the *Southern Bluefin Tuna* case (Australia and New Zealand v. Japan), an expert determination proceeding under the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960, and an arbitration under the Softwood Lumber Agreement of 2006 (United States v. Canada).

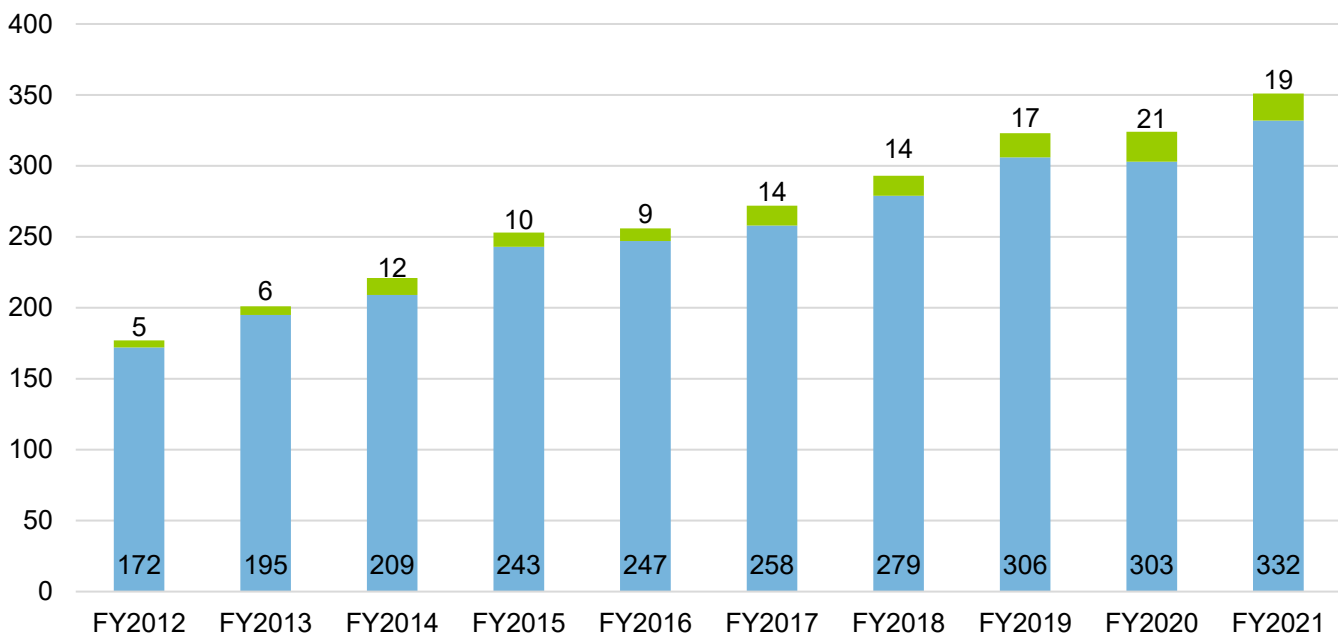
The Centre also frequently provides administrative assistance to investor-State arbitrations under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, free trade agreements and other *ad hoc* dispute settlement provisions. The Centre’s services in these proceedings range from support with the organization of hearings to comprehensive administrative services comparable to those provided in ICSID cases. The Secretariat also acts as appointing authority, and decides proposals for disqualification of arbitrators, upon request. In addition to administering UNCITRAL arbitrations, ICSID has also assisted with the organization of hearings in arbitration proceedings conducted under the auspices of the ICC, LCIA, PCA, SCC, and other institutions.

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**Chart 4:** Number of Non-ICSID Cases Administered by the ICSID Secretariat over the Past Ten Fiscal Years



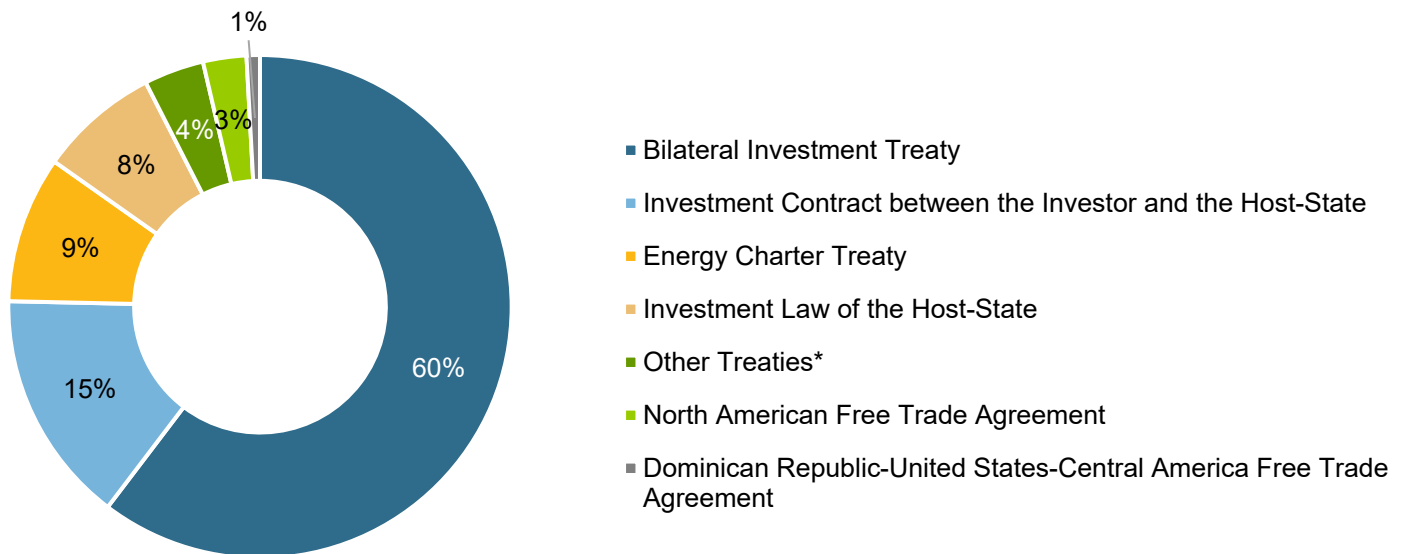
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■ Non-ICSID Cases Administered by the Secretariat (Investor-State UNCITRAL arbitrations and other cases)  
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## 4. Basis of Consent Invoked to Establish ICSID Jurisdiction in Registered ICSID Cases

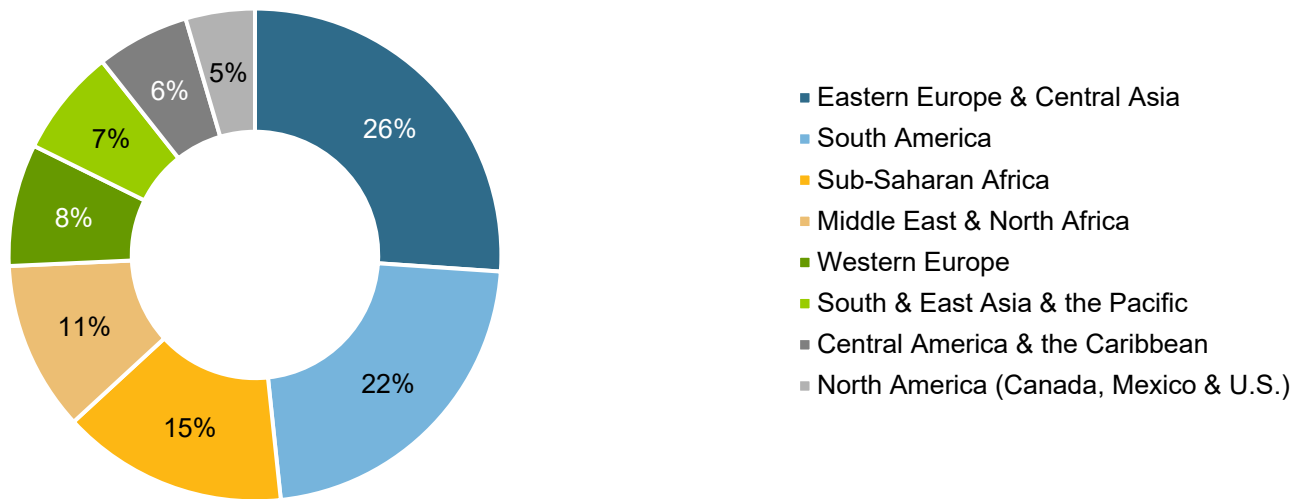
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\* This category includes the Agreement on Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments in the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Community; Agreement on Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments among Member States of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference; ASEAN Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments; Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement; Canada-Peru Free Trade Agreement; Central America-Panama Free Trade Agreement; Chile-Colombia Free Trade Agreement; Colombia-El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras Free Trade Agreement; Colombia-Mexico Free Trade Agreement; Oman-U.S. Free Trade Agreement; Establishment and Consular Convention between Switzerland and Italy; Peru-Singapore Free Trade Agreement; Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union; U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement; U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement; U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreement; U.S.-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement; and the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement.

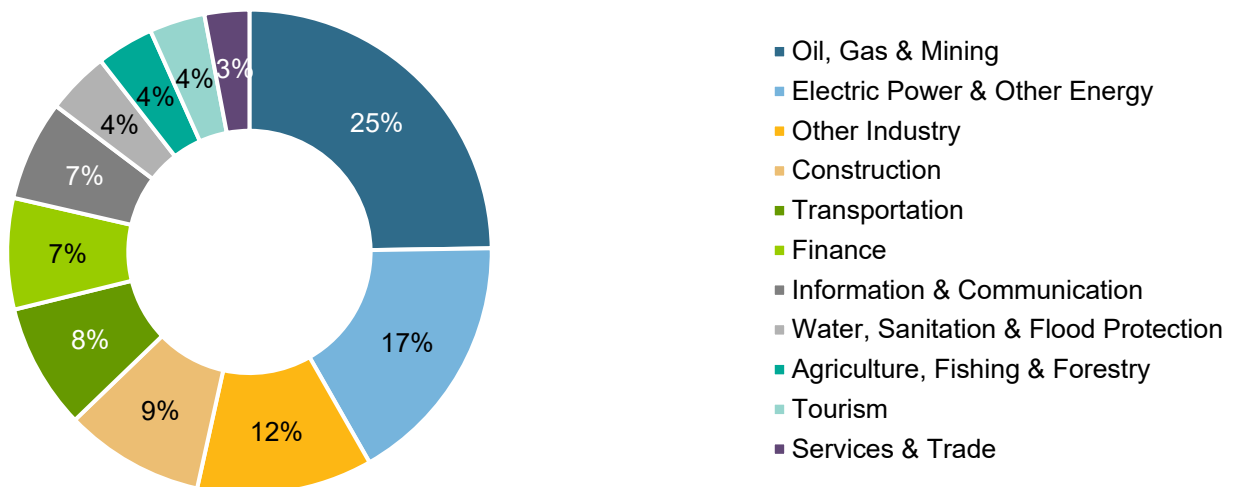
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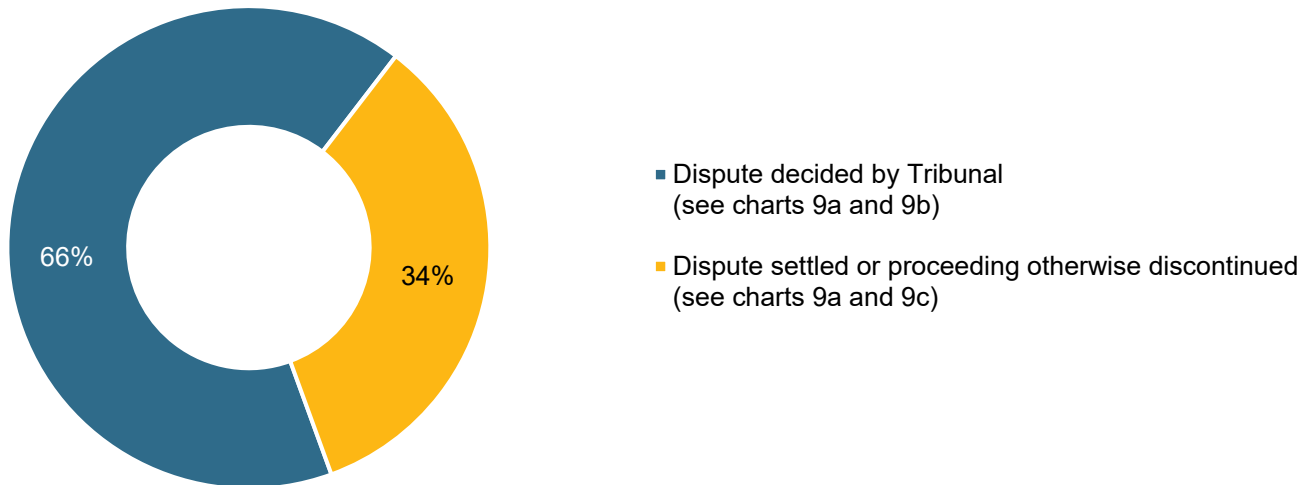
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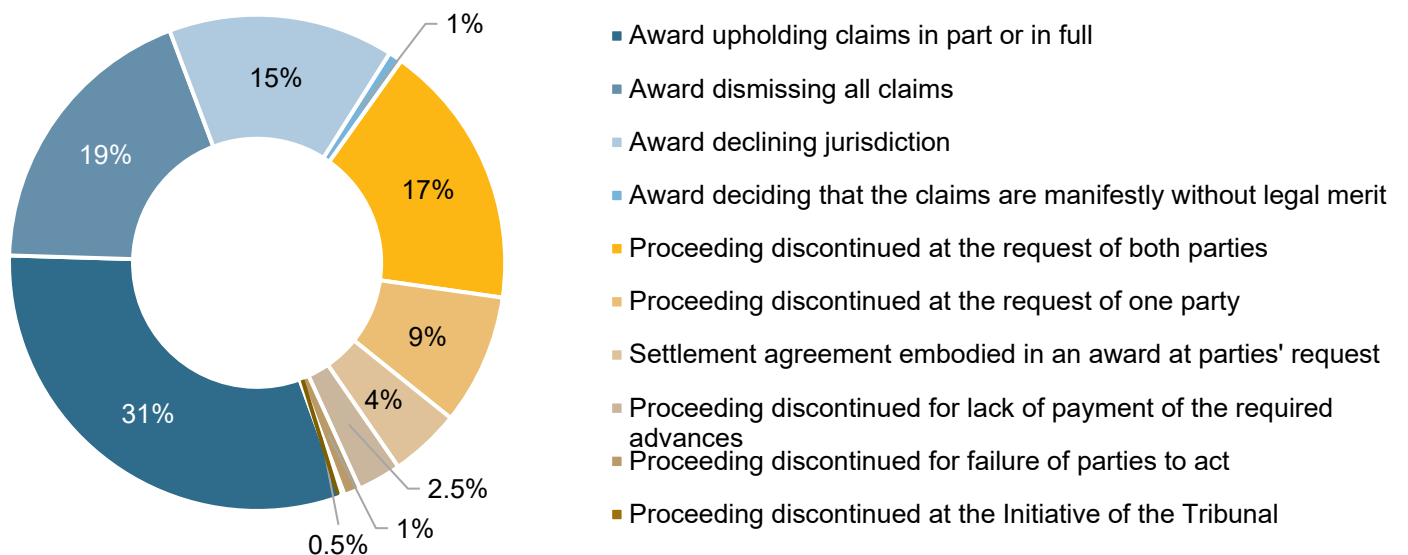


## 7. ICSID Arbitration Proceedings – Outcomes

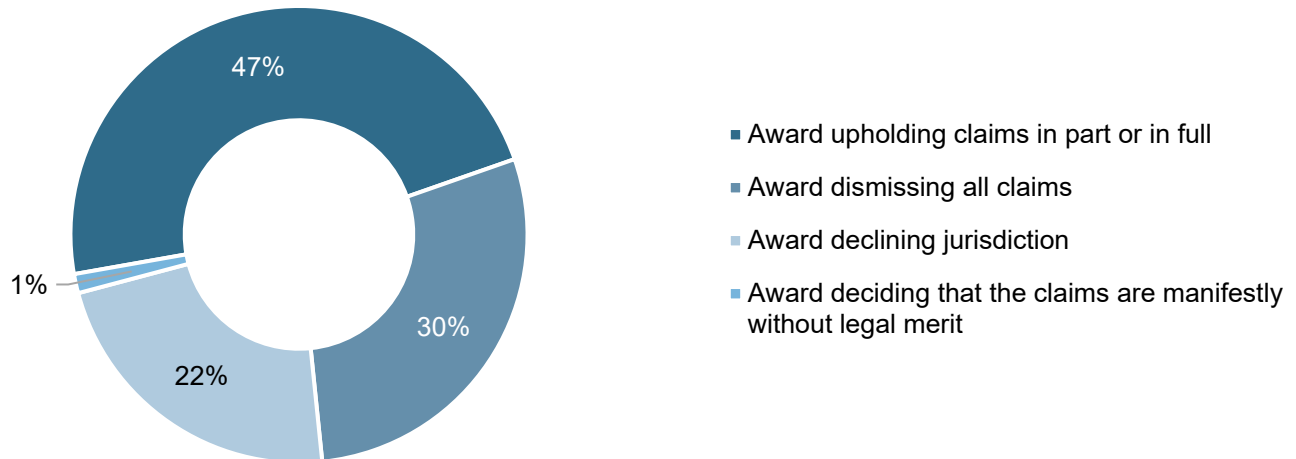
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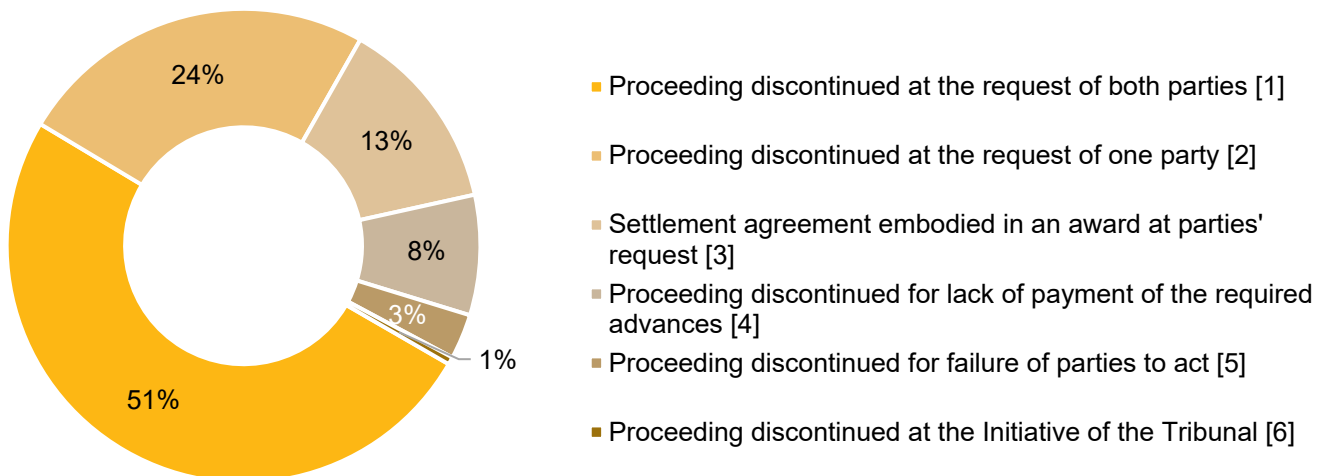
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**Chart 9c:** Disputes Settled or Proceedings Otherwise Discontinued under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules – Basis



[1] ICSID Arbitration Rule 43(1) and Arbitration (Additional Facility) Rule 49(1).

[2] ICSID Arbitration Rule 44. No case concluded to date on the basis of Arbitration (Additional Facility) Rule 50.

[3] ICSID Arbitration Rule 43(2) and Arbitration (Additional Facility) Rule 49(2).

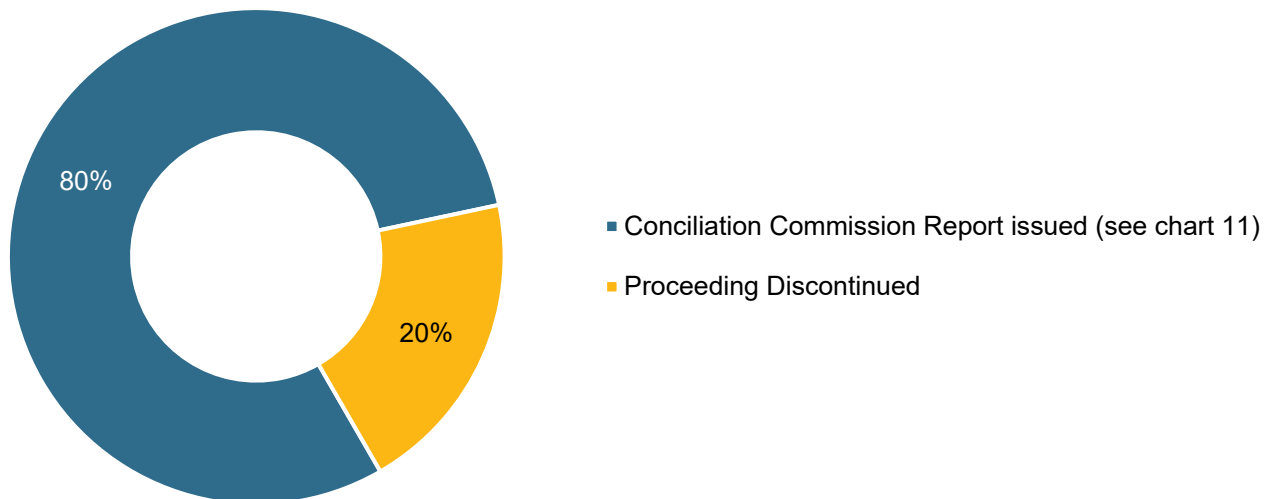
[4] ICSID Administrative & Financial Regulation 14(3)(d).

[5] ICSID Arbitration Rule 45 and Arbitration (Additional Facility) Rule 51.

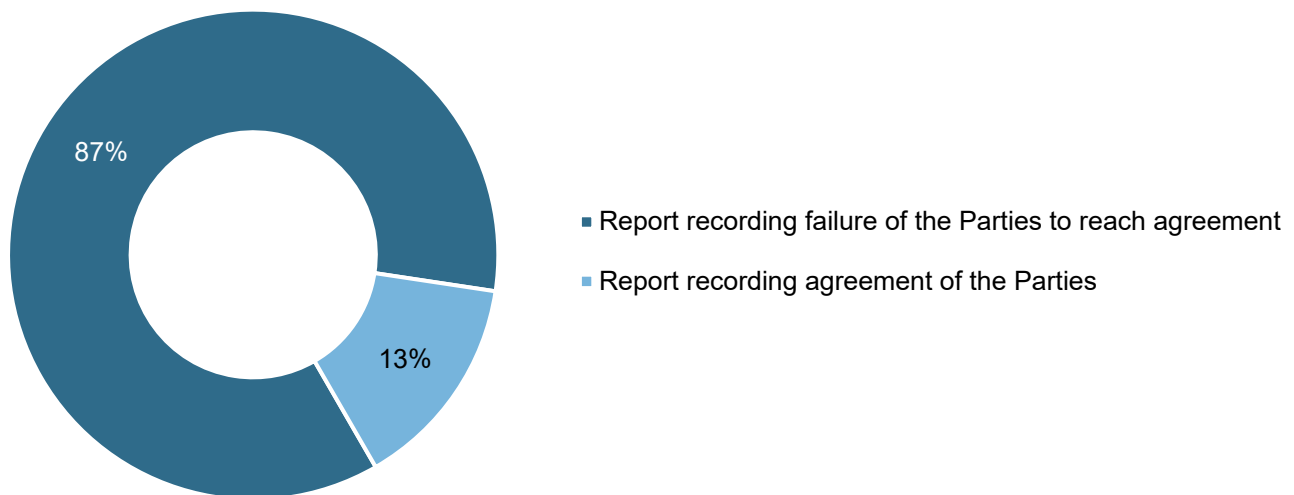
[6] In accordance with Article 44 of the ICSID Convention.

## 8. ICSID Conciliation Proceedings – Outcomes

**Chart 10:** Conciliation Proceedings under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules – Outcomes



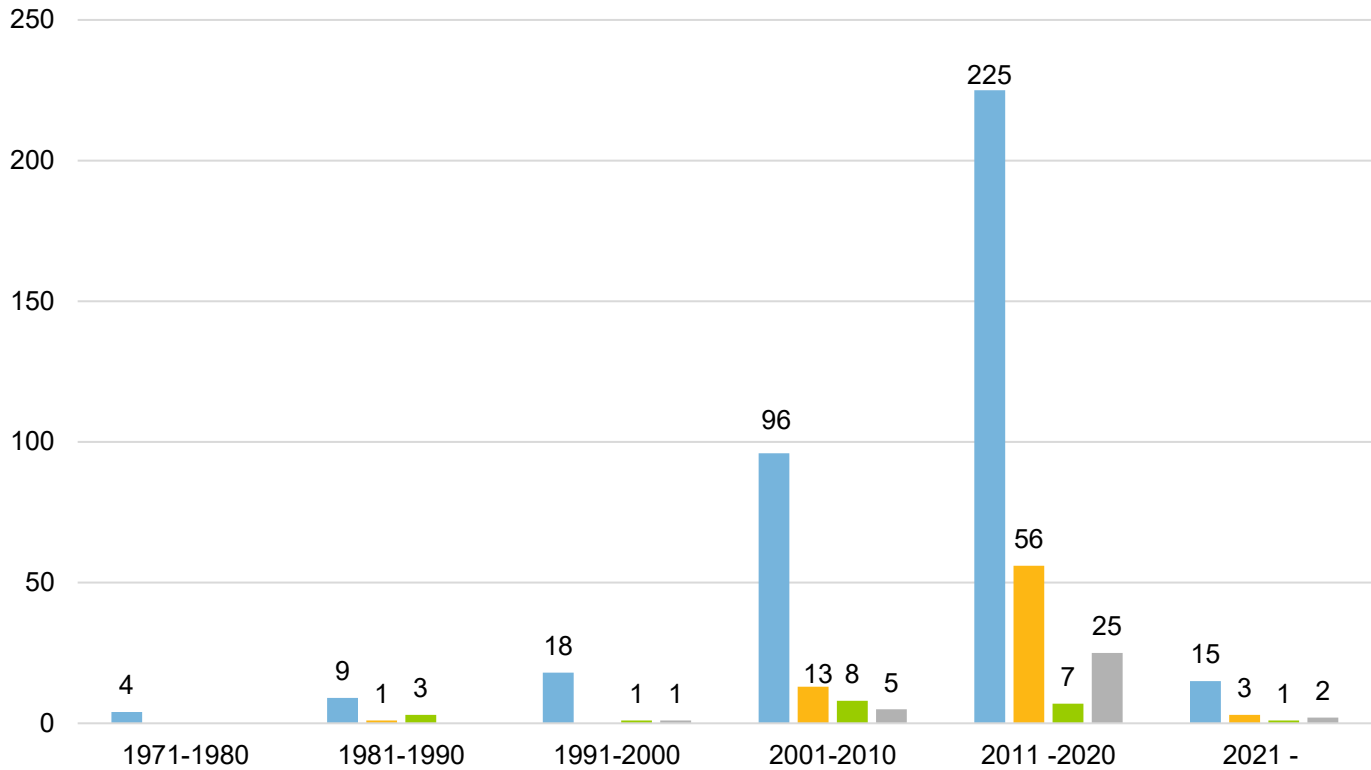
**Chart 11:** Conciliation Proceedings under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules – Commission Reports





## 9. Annulment Proceedings under the ICSID Convention – Outcomes

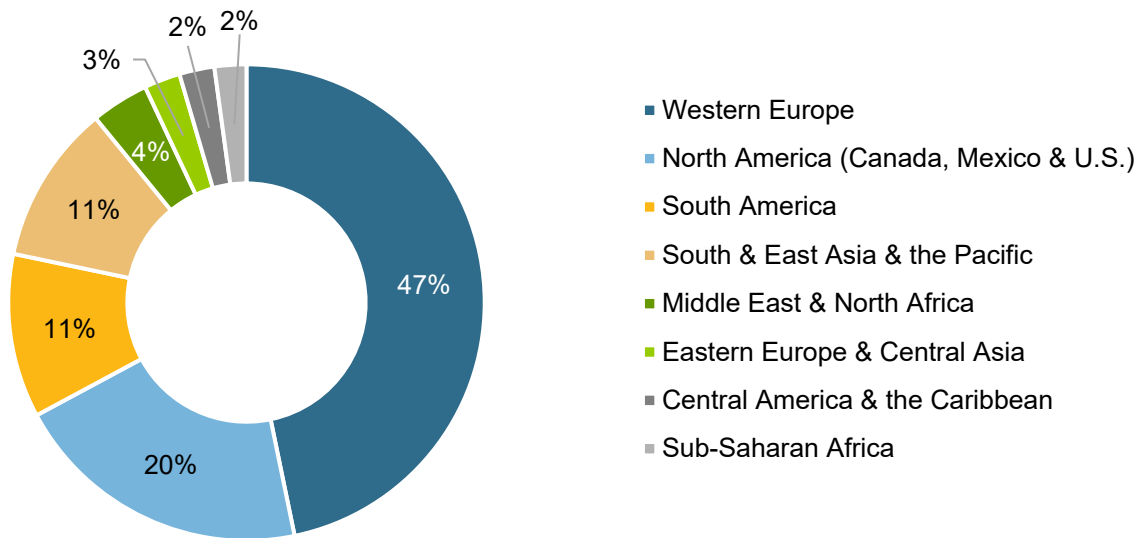
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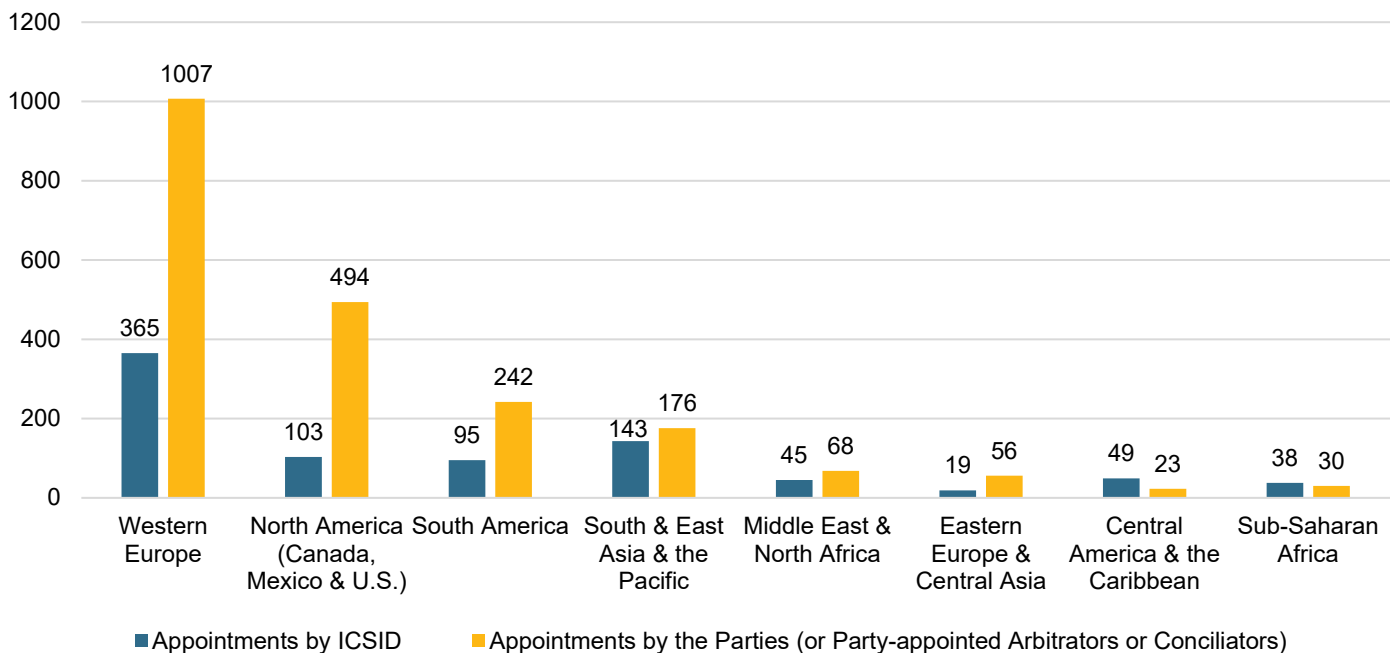
- Number of Convention awards rendered
- Number of decisions rejecting the application for annulment
- Number of decisions annulling the award in part or in full
- Number of annulment proceedings discontinued

## 10. Arbitrators, Conciliators and *ad hoc* Committee Members Appointed in ICSID Cases

**Chart 13:** Arbitrators, Conciliators and *ad hoc* Committee Members Appointed in Cases Registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules – Distribution of Appointments by Geographic Region



**Chart 14:** Arbitrators, Conciliators and *ad hoc* Committee Members Appointed in Cases Registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules – Distribution of Appointments by ICSID and by the Parties (or Party-appointed Arbitrators or Conciliators) by Geographic Region



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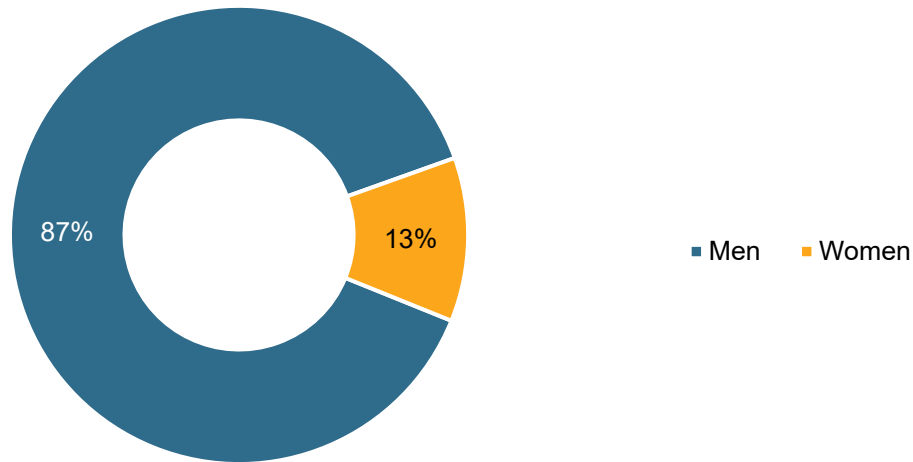
Nationality/ Nationalities	As of June 30, 2021
France	287
United States of America	287
United Kingdom	253
Canada	160
Switzerland	149
Spain	134
Australia	109
Germany	108
Argentina	86
Mexico	81
Italy	79
Belgium	74
Chile	65
Netherlands	58
New Zealand	55
Colombia	51
Bulgaria	49
Egypt, Arab Rep. of	39
Costa Rica	37
Singapore	36
Sweden	33
France / Sweden	30
Austria	29
United Kingdom / France	25
Canada / New Zealand	24
Finland	21
Argentina / Spain	20
Brazil	19
Guatemala	16
Korea, Rep.of	16
Pakistan	16
China	15
Switzerland / Brazil	15
Canada / United Kingdom	14
Iran, Islamic Rep. of / France	14

Nationality/ Nationalities	As of June 30, 2021
Lebanon / France	14
Slovak Republic	14
France / Switzerland	13
Morocco	13
Peru	13
Australia / Ireland	12
Bangladesh	12
Malaysia	12
Germany / Austria	11
Greece	11
Nigeria	11
Philippines	11
Ireland / Germany	10
United States of America / Switzerland	10
Argentina / United States of America	9
Colombia / France	9
Denmark	9
Uruguay	9
Venezuela	9
Somalia	8
United Kingdom / Nigeria	8
Ecuador	7
Senegal	7
Thailand	7
Bahamas	6
Canada / Lebanon	6
India	6
Ireland / United States of America	6
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United Kingdom / Italy	6
United States of America / United Kingdom	6
Guyana	5
Mexico / Germany	5
New Zealand / United Kingdom	5

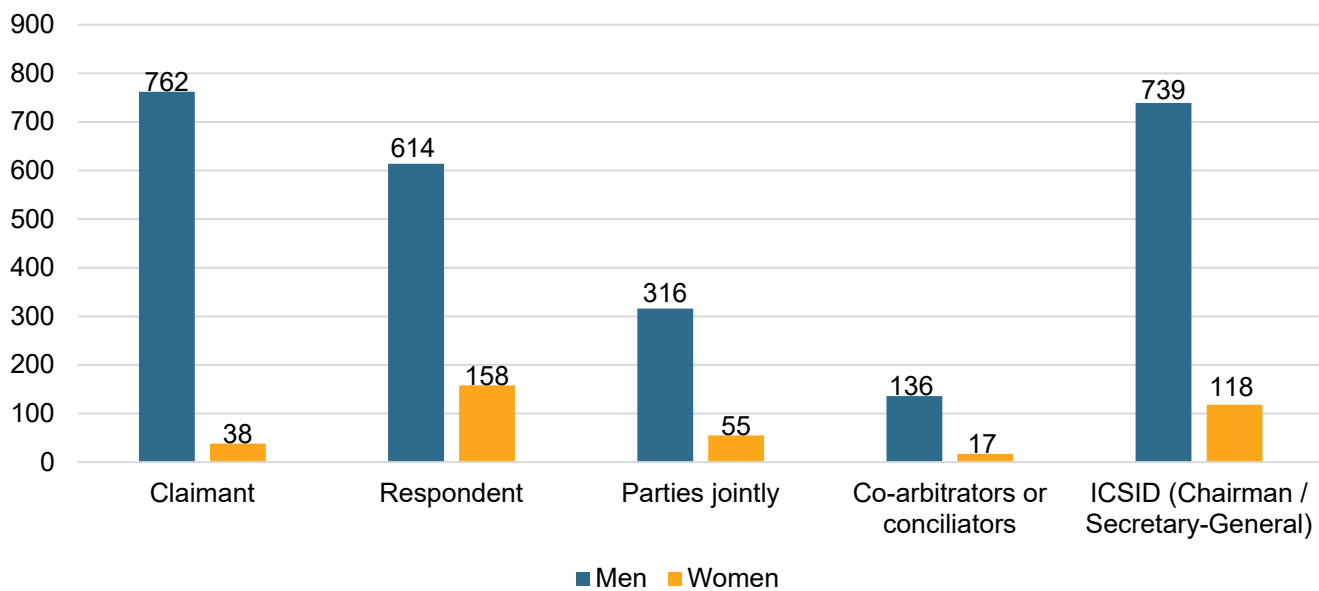
Nationality/ Nationalities	As of June 30, 2021
Paraguay	5
United States of America / France	5
Algeria	4
Argentina / Portugal	4
Barbados	4
Cyprus	4
Iran, Islamic Rep. of	4
Lebanon / Chile	4
Peru / Switzerland	4
Burundi	3
Czech Republic	3
Honduras	3
Ireland	3
Israel	3
Jamaica	3
Jordan	3
Serbia	3
South Africa	3
Togo	3
Benin	2
Botswana	2
Cameroon	2
Chile / United States of America	2
France / Mauritius	2
France / Mauritius / United Kingdom	2
France / Syria	2
Gabon	2
Ghana	2
Italy / Chile / El Salvador	2
Japan	2
Lebanon	2
Madagascar	2
Malawi	2
Malta / South Africa	2
United Kingdom / Germany	2
United Kingdom / Pakistan	2

Nationality/ Nationalities	As of June 30, 2021
Algerian / French	1
Argentina / Brazil	1
Australia / Germany	1
Belgium / United Kingdom	1
Cabo Verde	1
Canada / Switzerland	1
Central African Republic	1
Croatia	1
Czechoslovakia	1
Dominica	1
Dominican Republic	1
El Salvador	1
France / Lebanon / Ecuador	1
France / New Zealand	1
Israel / Switzerland	1
Latvia	1
Luxembourg	1
Mexico / United States of America	1
Norway	1
Pakistan / United States of America	1
Romania	1
Slovenia	1
Sri Lanka	1
Sudan	1
Turkey	1
United Kingdom / Ghana	1
United Kingdom / Iran, Islamic Rep. Of	1
United Kingdom / Spain	1
United Kingdom / Uganda	1
United States of America / Bulgaria	1
United States of America / Canada	1
United States of America / Egypt	1
Uruguay / France	1
Venezuela / Saint Kitts and Nevis	1
Zambia	1

**Chart 16:** Arbitrators, Conciliators and *ad hoc* Committee Members Appointed in Cases Registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules – Distribution of Appointments by Gender



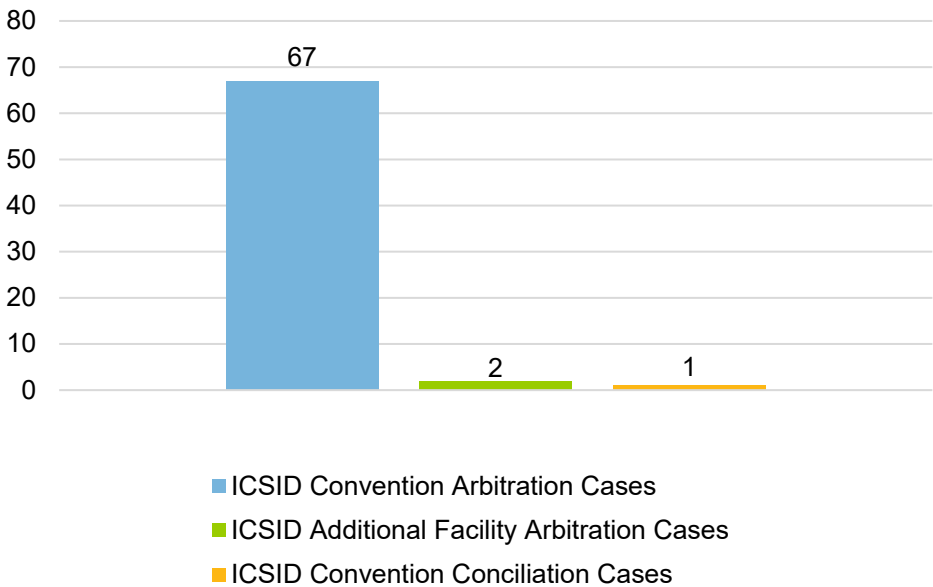
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**PART II**  
**CASES REGISTERED AND ADMINISTERED**  
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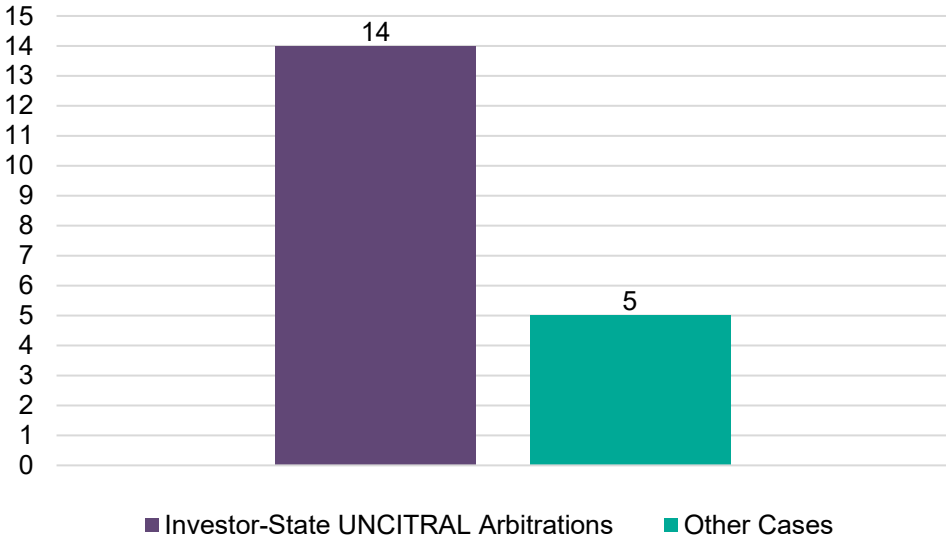
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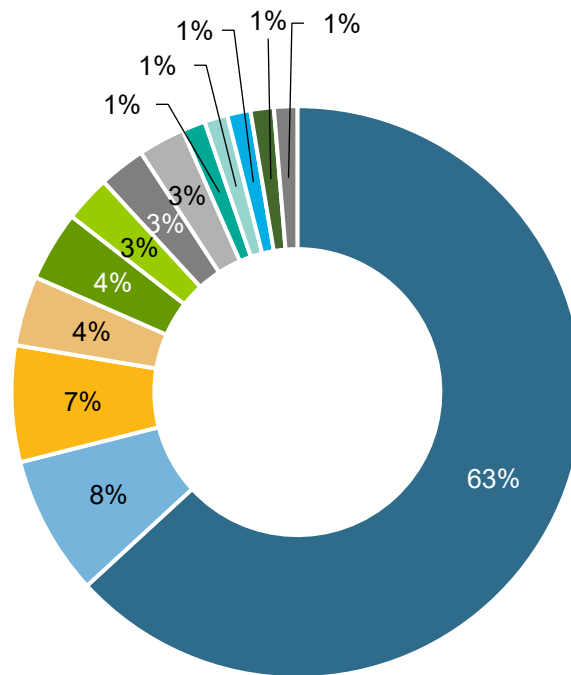
2. Non-ICSID Cases Administered by the ICSID Secretariat in FY2021

Chart 2: Number of Non-ICSID Cases Administered by the ICSID Secretariat in FY2021



## 3. Basis of Consent Invoked to Establish ICSID Jurisdiction in New Cases Registered in FY2021

**Chart 3:** Basis of Consent Invoked to Establish ICSID Jurisdiction in New Cases Registered in FY2021 under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules



- Bilateral Investment Treaty
- Energy Charter Treaty
- Investment Contract between the Investor and the Host-State
- North American Free Trade Agreement
- United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement
- Investment Law of the Host-State
- U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement
- U.S.-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement
- Canada-Peru Free Trade Agreement
- Colombia - El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras Free Trade Agreement
- Establishment and Consular Convention between Switzerland and Italy
- Dominican Republic-United States-Central America Free Trade Agreement
- Chile-Colombia Free Trade Agreement



4. Geographic Distribution of New ICSID Cases Registered in FY2021, by State Party Involved

Chart 4: Geographic Distribution of New Cases Registered in FY2021 under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules, by State Party Involved

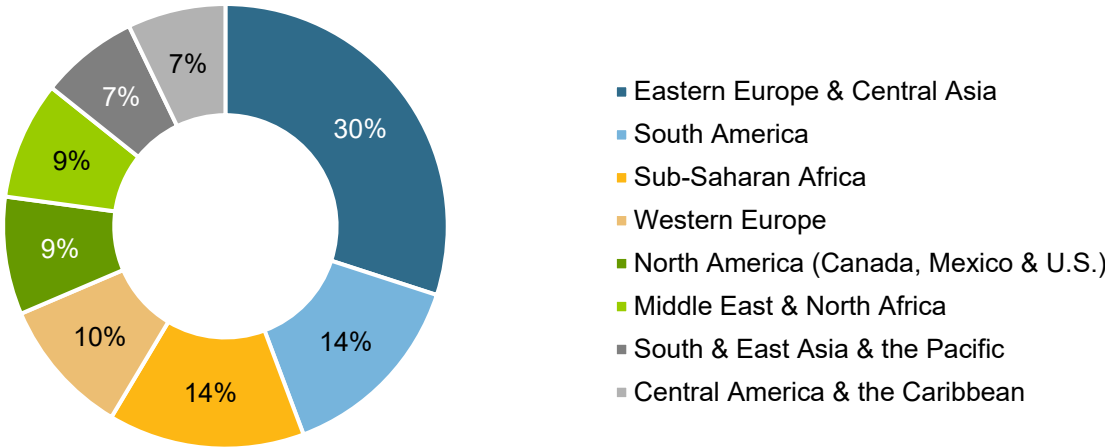
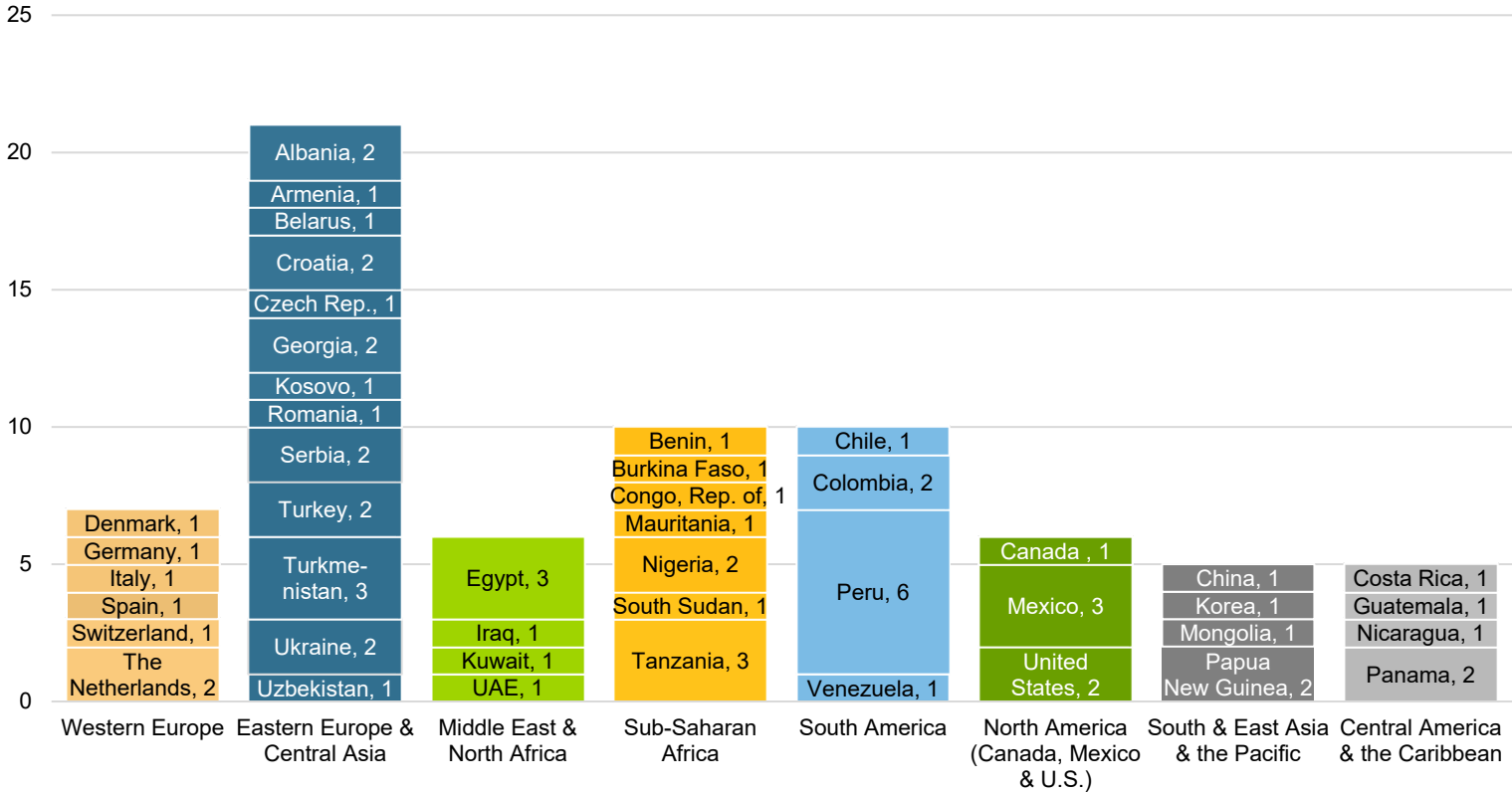
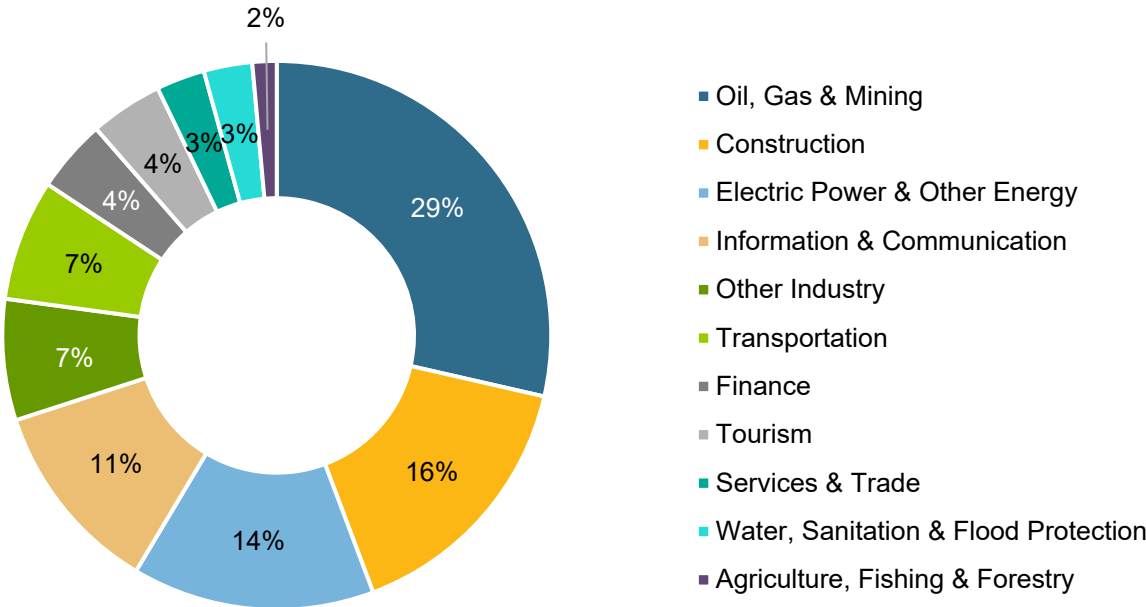


Chart 5: Geographic Distribution of New Cases Registered in FY2021 under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules, by State Party Involved – Further Details



5. Distribution of New ICSID Cases Registered in FY2021, by Economic Sector

Chart 6: Distribution of New Cases Registered in FY2021 under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules, by Economic Sector



6. ICSID Arbitration Proceedings Concluded in FY2021 – Outcomes

Chart 7: Arbitration Proceedings under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules concluded in FY2021 – Outcomes

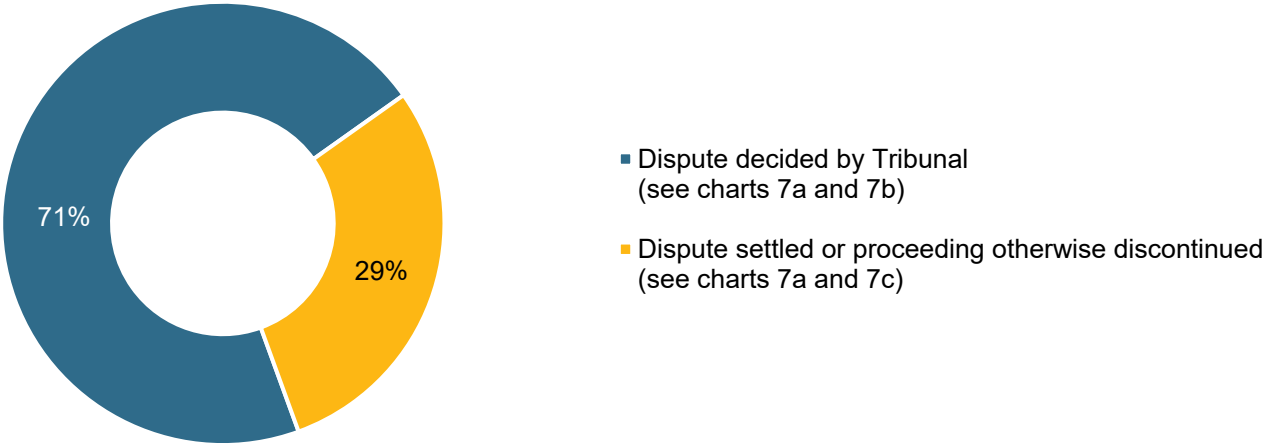
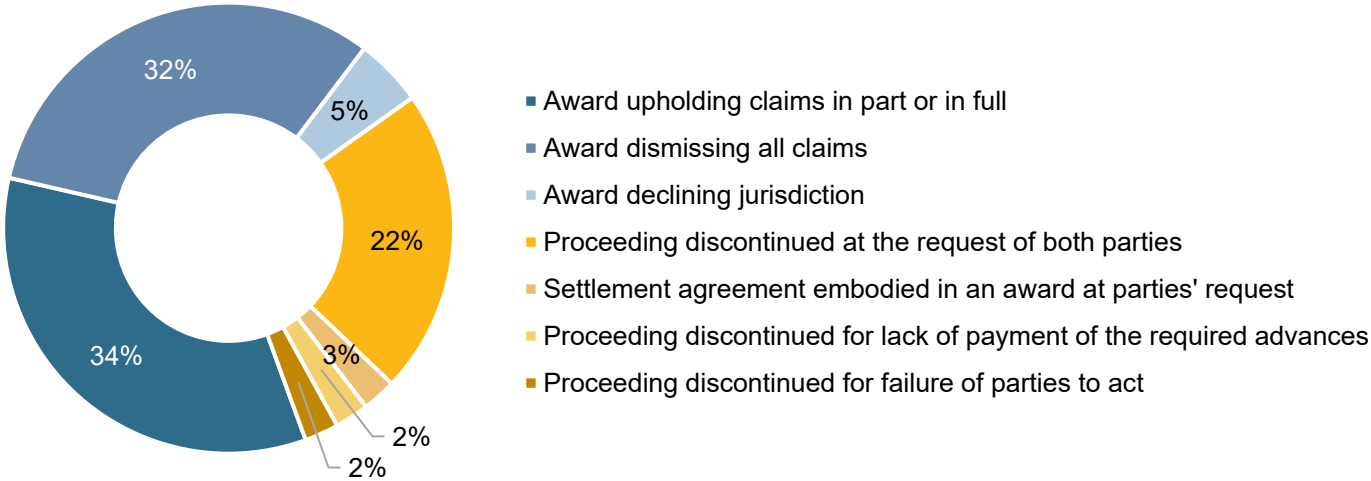
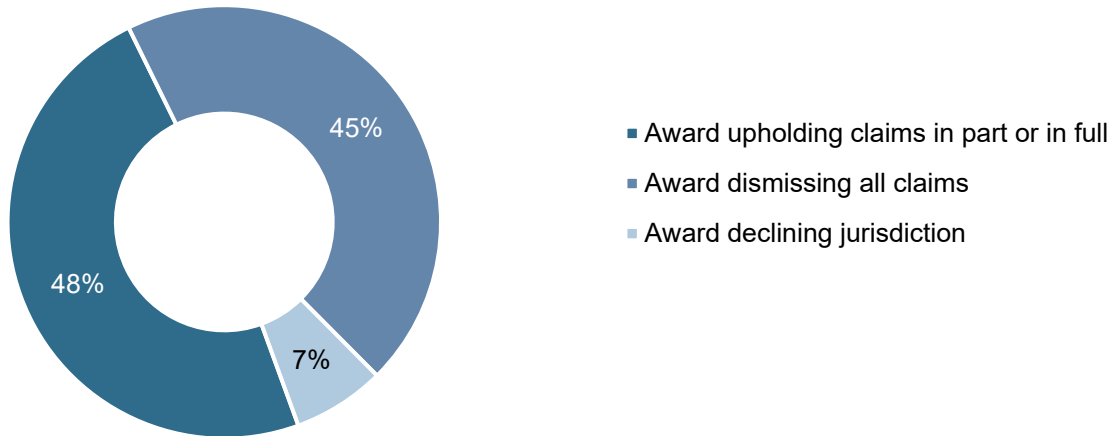


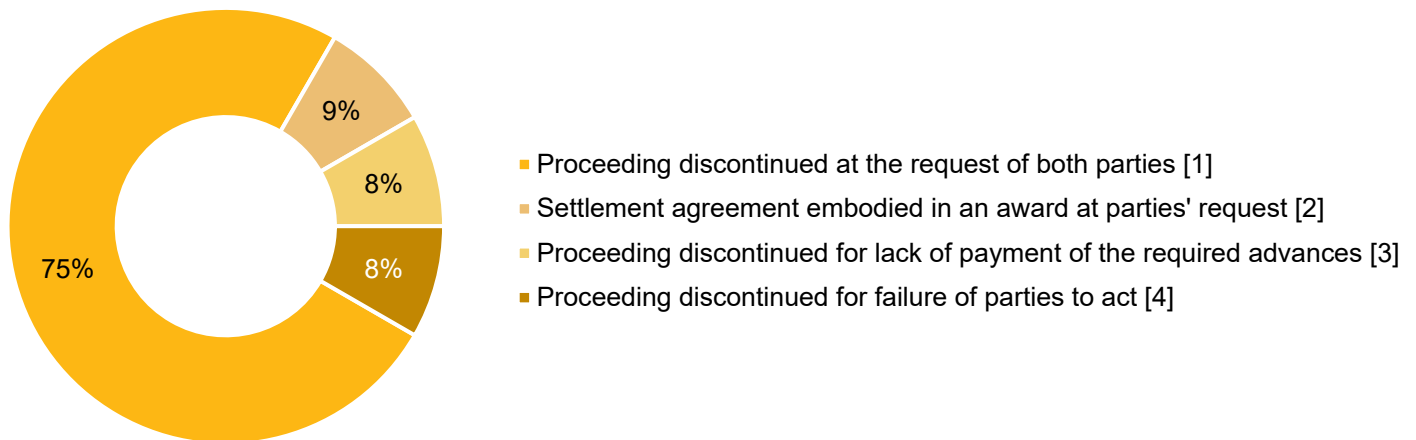
Chart 7a: Disputes Decided by Arbitral Tribunals under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules in FY2021 – Tribunal Rulings, Settlement & Discontinuances



**Chart 7b:** Disputes Decided by Arbitral Tribunals under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules in FY2021 – Findings



**Chart 7c:** Disputes Settled or Proceedings Otherwise Discontinued under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules in FY2021 – Basis



[1] ICSID Arbitration Rule 43(1). No case concluded on the basis of Arbitration (Additional Facility) Rule 49(1).

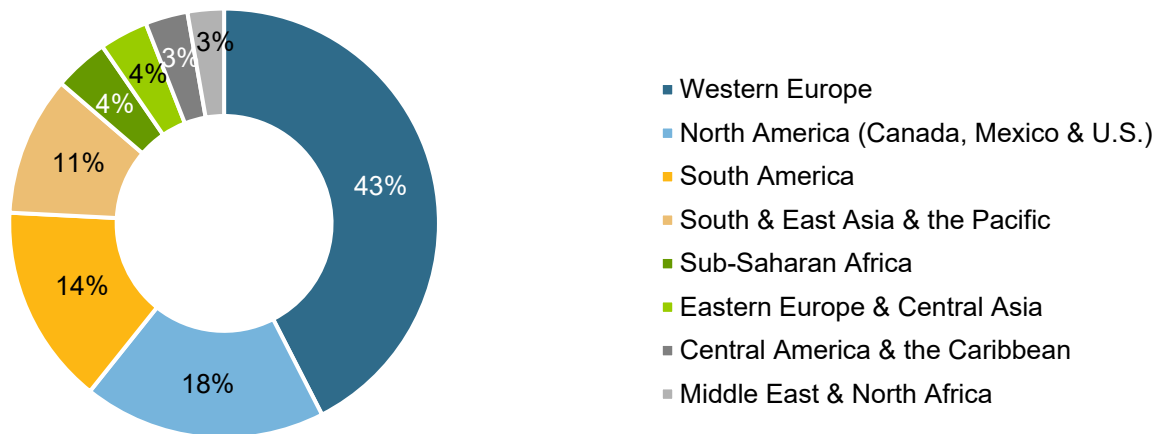
[2] ICSID Arbitration Rule 43(2). No case concluded on the basis of Arbitration (Additional Facility) Rule 49(2).

[3] ICSID Administrative & Financial Regulation 14(3)(d).

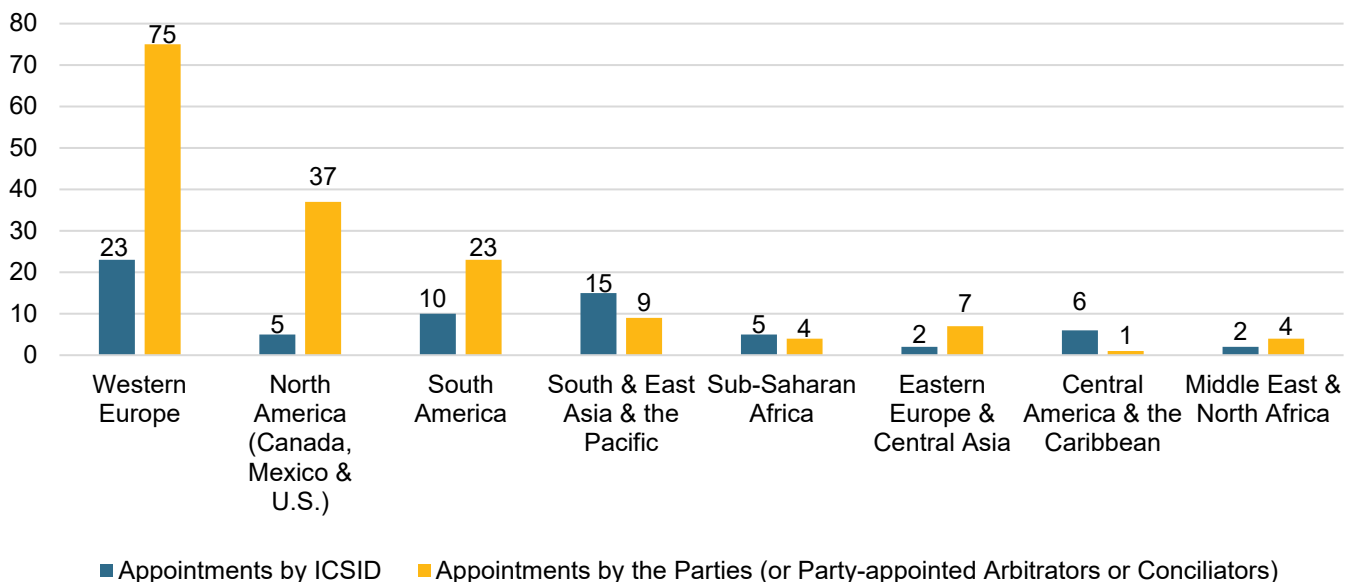
[4] ICSID Arbitration Rule 45. No case concluded on the basis of Arbitration (Additional Facility) Rule 51.

## 7. Arbitrators, Conciliators and *ad hoc* Committee Members Appointed in ICSID Cases in FY2021

**Chart 8:** Arbitrators, Conciliators and *ad hoc* Committee Members Appointed in FY2021 in Cases Registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules – Distribution of Appointments by Geographic Region



**Chart 9:** Arbitrators, Conciliators and *ad hoc* Committee Members Appointed in FY2021 in Cases Registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules – Distribution of Appointments by ICSID and by the Parties (or Party-appointed Arbitrators or Conciliators) by Geographic Region

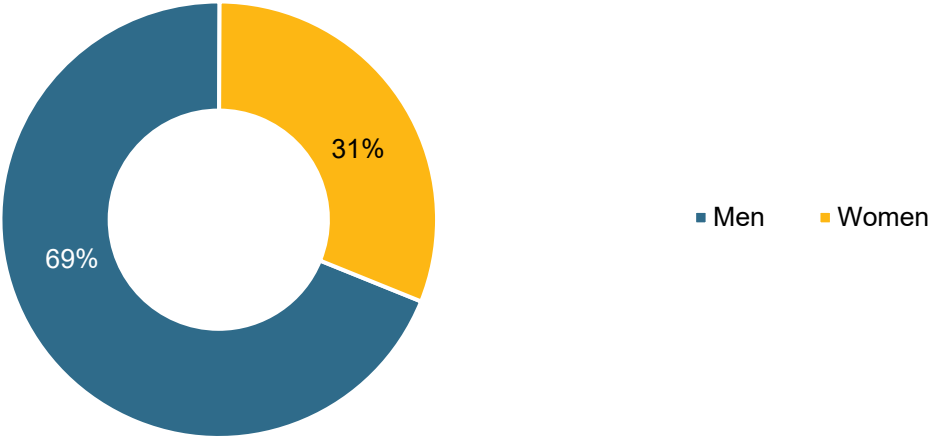


**Chart 10: State of Nationality of Arbitrators, Conciliators and *ad hoc* Committee Members Appointed in FY2021 in Cases Registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules**

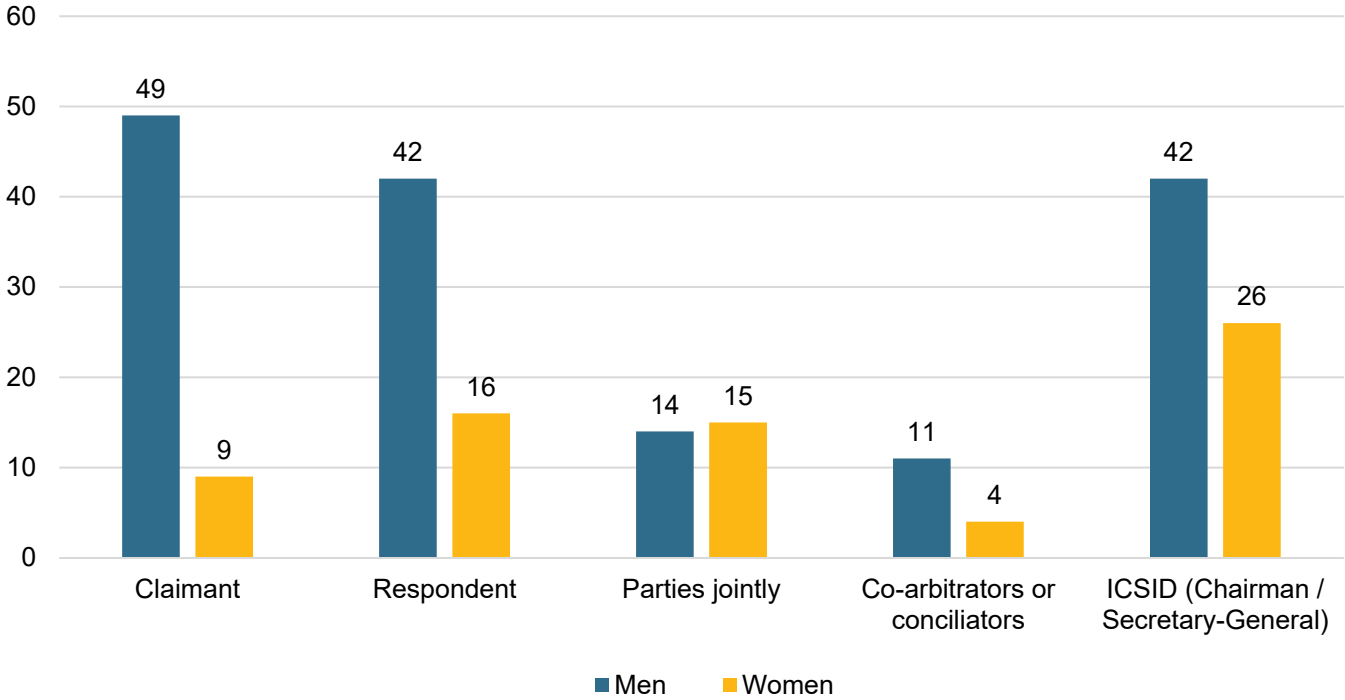
Nationality/ Nationalities	As of June 30, 2021
United Kingdom	22
United States of America	21
France	17
Canada	11
Spain	10
Switzerland	9
Argentina	8
Singapore	8
Germany	7
Bulgaria	6
New Zealand	6
Argentina / Spain	5
Austria	5
Colombia	5
Costa Rica	5
Italy	5
Netherlands	5
Argentina / Portugal	4
Australia	4
Belgium	4
Australia / Ireland	3
Canada / New Zealand	3
Chile	3
Sweden	3
United Kingdom / Nigeria	3
Argentina / United States of America	2
Botswana	2
Burundi	2
Finland	2
France / Mauritius / United Kingdom	2
France / Sweden	2

Nationality/ Nationalities	As of June 30, 2021
Iran, Islamic Rep. of / France	2
Italy / Chile / El Salvador	2
Mexico	2
Mexico / Germany	2
Bahamas	1
Brazil / Switzerland	1
Canada / Lebanon	1
Canada / United Kingdom	1
Colombia / France	1
Egypt / United States of America	1
France / Switzerland	1
France / Syria	1
Germany / Austria	1
Guatemala	1
Ireland	1
Ireland / United States of America	1
Jordan	1
Korea, Rep. of	1
Latvia	1
New Zealand / United Kingdom	1
Nigeria	1
Paraguay	1
Slovak Republic	1
Switzerland / Brazil	1
Switzerland / United States of America	1
United Kingdom / Pakistan	1
United Kingdom / Spain	1
United States of America / Bulgaria	1
United States of America / United Kingdom	1
Venezuela / Saint Kitts and Nevis	1

**Chart 11:** Arbitrators, Conciliators and *ad hoc* Committee Members Appointed in Cases Registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules in FY2021 – Distribution of Appointments by Gender



**Chart 12:** Arbitrators, Conciliators and *ad hoc* Committee Members Appointed in Cases Registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules in FY2021 – Distribution of Appointments by ICSID and by the Parties (or Party-appointed Arbitrators or Conciliators), by Gender



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