

# Women in ministerial positions

The countries are ranked according to the percentage of women in ministerial positions, reflecting appointments up to 1 January 2014.

Rank	Country	% Women	Women	Total ministers
1	Nicaragua	57.1	14	24
2	Sweden	56.5	13	23
3	Finland	50.0	9	18
4	France	49.6	11	22
5	Cabo Verde	47.1	8	17
6	Netherlands	46.7	7	15
7	Denmark	45.5	10	22
8	Peru	44.4	8	18
9	Switzerland	42.9	3	7
10	Belgium	41.7	5	12
11	Bulgaria	41.2	7	17
12	Liechtenstein	40.0	2	5

13	Rwanda	39.3	3	8
14	Chile	39.1	9	23
15	Iceland	37.5	1	3
16	South Africa	37.1	13	35
17	United Republic of Tanzania*	36.7	11	30
18	Burundi	36.4	8	22
19	Haiti	35.0	0	0

20	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)*	33.3	7	21
21	Kenya	33.3	6	18
22	Uganda*	33.3	5	15
23	Canada	32.0	8	25
24	United States of America	31.8	7	22
25	Panama	31.8	6	19
26	Colombia	31.3	10	32
27	Madagascar*	30.8	4	13
28	Grenada*	30.8	4	13
29	Spain	30.8	4	13
30	Albania	30.8	6	20
31	Italy	30.0	6	20

32	New Zealand	29.6	8	27
33	Mozambique	29.6	8	27
34	Gambia*	27.8	5	18
35	Guyana	27.8	5	18
36	Republic of Moldova*	27.8	5	18
37	Guatemala	26.7	4	15
38	Swaziland*	26.3	5	19
39	Guinea	26.3	5	19
40	Costa Rica	25.0	6	24
41	Micronesia (Fed. States of)*	25.0	2	8
42	Niger*	25.0	2	8
43	Paraguay	25.0	7	28

44	Angola*	23.1	3	13
45	South Sudan*	23.1	3	13
46	Cuba	22.8	7	31
47	Lebanon*	22.8	7	31
48	Andorra	22.2	2	9
49	Ecuador	22.2	2	9
50	Romania	22.2	6	27
51	Namibia	21.7	5	23
52	Portugal	21.4	4	19
53	Togo	21.4	4	19
54	Georgia	21.1	4	19
55	Liberia*	21.1	4	19
56	Croatia	20.0	4	20
57	Jamaica	20.0	4	20
58	Kazakhstan	20.0	4	20
59	Morocco	20.0	4	20

60	Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. of)*	18.0	5	28
61	Philippines	18.0	4	22
62	Morocco	15.8	6	38
63	Cote d'Ivoire	15.6	5	32
64	United Kingdom	15.6	5	32
65	Dominican Republic	15.4	2	13
66	Saint Lucia	15.4	2	13
67	The Time and Prince*	15.4	2	13
68	United Arab Emirates*	15.4	2	13
69	Saudi Arabia	15.2	2	13
70	Zambia	15.0	3	20

71	Cameroon*	14.9	7	47
72	Bahrain*	14.8	4	27
73	Guinea	14.7	5	34
74	Ireland	14.3	2	14
75	Kyrgyzstan	14.3	2	14
76	Malta	14.3	2	14
77	Ukraine*	14.3	2	14
78	Burkina Faso	13.8	2	14
79	Belize*	13.3	2	15
80	Ethiopia	13.0	3	23
81	Mauritania	13.0	3	23
82	Niger	12.9	4	31
83	Sierra Leone	12.5	1	8
84	Palau	12.5	1	8
85	Saint Kitts and Nevis	12.5	1	8
86	Tuvalu*	12.5	1	8
87	Algeria	12.1	4	33
88	Barbados	11.8	2	17
89	Republic of Korea	11.8	2	17
90	Timor-Leste*	11.8	2	17
91	Lao People's Dem. Republic	11.5	3	26
92	Afghanistan*	11.1	1	9
93	Antigua and Barbuda	11.1	1	9
94	Hungary	11.1	1	9
95	Jordan	11.1	3	27
96	Tajikistan*	11.1	2	18
97	Botswana	10.5	4	39
98	Uzbekistan*	10.5	2	19
99	Dem. Republic of the Congo*	10.3	3	29
100	Egypt	10.3	3	29
101	Sierra Leone	10.0	3	30
102	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	10.0	3	30
103	Marshall Islands	10.0	1	10
104	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	10.0	1	10

\* Information not available. Central African Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Guinea-Bissau and Nepal. † The total includes deputy prime ministers and ministers. Prime ministers/heads of government were also included when they held ministerial portfolios. Vice-presidents and heads of government or public agencies have not been included. Source: IPU. Data obtained from national governments, permanent missions to the United Nations and publicly available information.

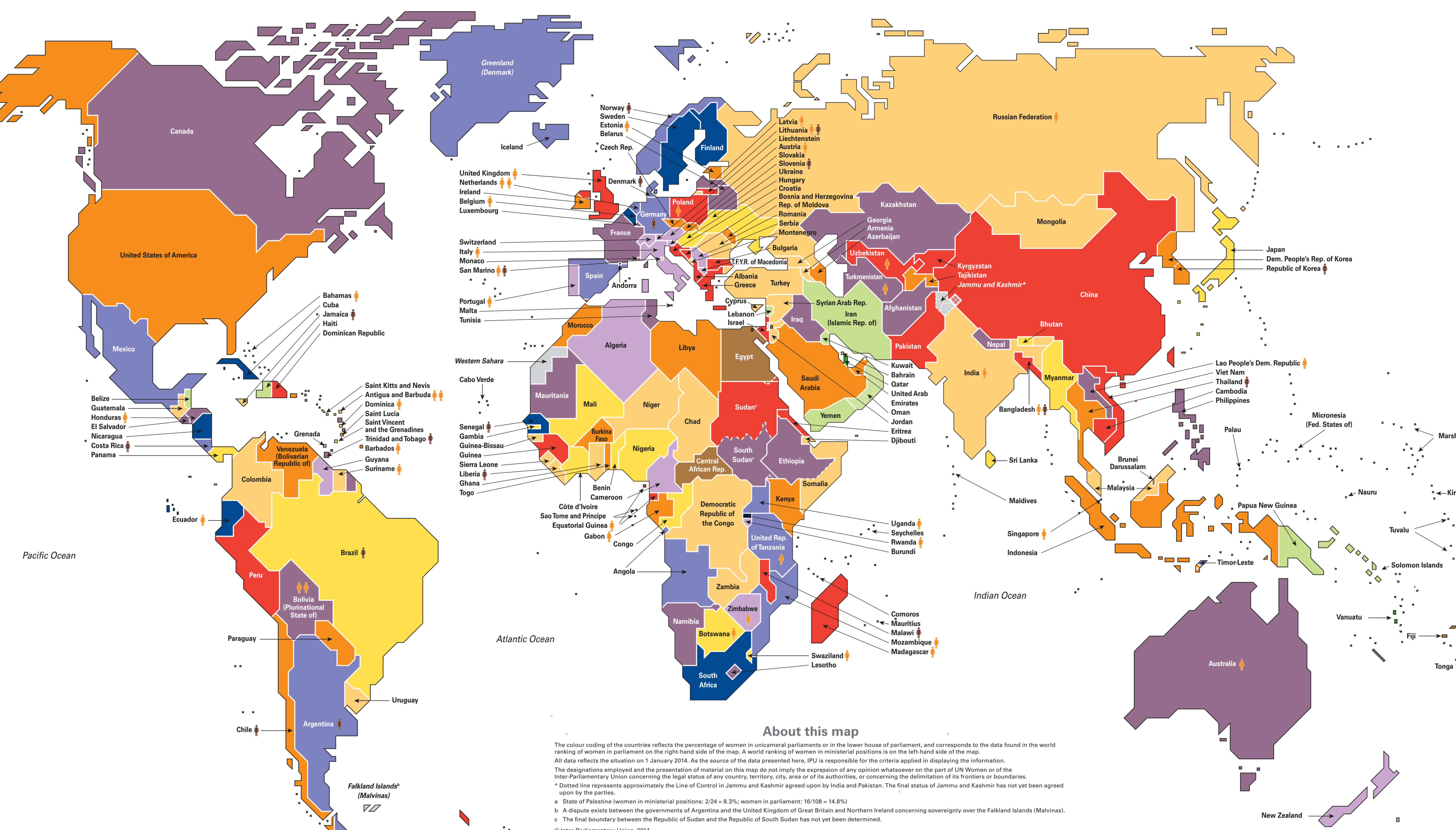


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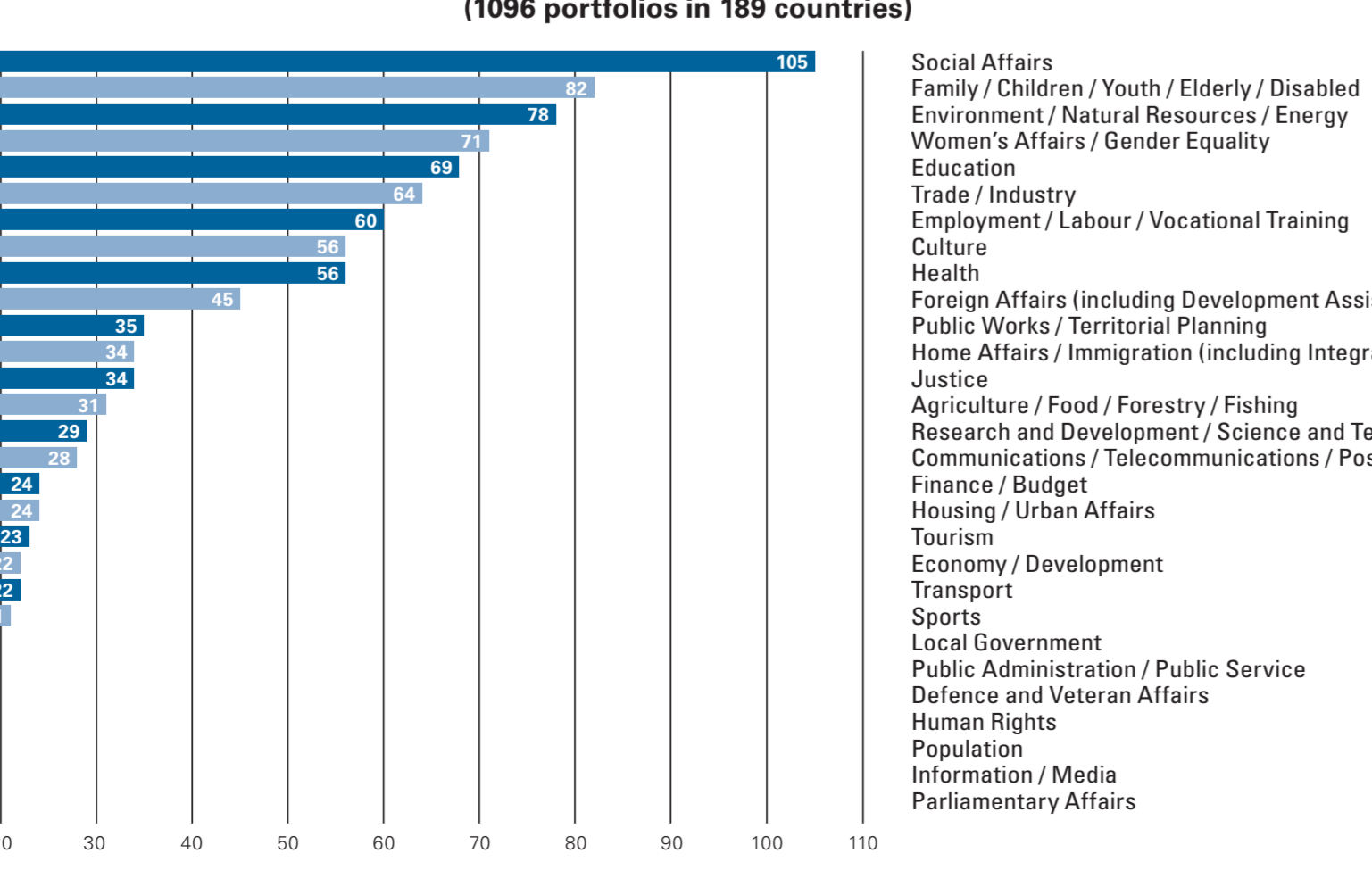
## Situation on 1 January 2014



The colour coding of the countries reflects the percentage of women in unicameral parliaments or in the lower house of parliament, and corresponds to the data found in the world ranking of women in parliament on the right-hand side of the map. A world ranking of women in ministerial positions is on the left-hand side of the map. All data reflects the situation on 1 January 2014. As the source of the data presented here, IPU is responsible for any omission in displaying the information. The designations employed and the presentation of material on this map do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of UN Women or of the Inter-Parliamentary Union concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city, area or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries. \* Dotted line represents approximately the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the parties. a. State of Palestine (women in ministerial positions: 27.2 = 8.3% women in parliament: 16/108 = 14.8%). b. A dispute exists between the governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas). c. The final boundary between the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan has not yet been determined. © Inter-Parliamentary Union, 2014.

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## Portfolios held by women ministers



## Women in the highest positions of State

Category	Count	Percentage
Women heads of state <sup>1</sup> and women heads of government <sup>2</sup>	9/152 = 5.9%	15/193 = 7.8%
Women speakers of parliament <sup>3</sup>	40/271 = 14.8%	
Women deputy speakers of parliament	159/601 = 26.5%	
88 parliaments out of 188 have women deputy speakers.		

Note: (HS/HG) = the head of state is also the head of government. <sup>1</sup> Only elected heads of state have been taken into account. <sup>2</sup> President-elect. <sup>3</sup> Of the total 189 parliaments, 76 are bicameral. As at 1 January 2014, one bicameral parliament has no speakers and is not included in the percentage. Source: IPU. Data provided by national parliaments.

## World and regional averages of women in parliament

Region	Single or lower house	Upper house or Senate	Both houses combined
World average	22.2%	19.5%	21.8%
Regional averages			
Nordic countries	42.1%	—	—
Americas	25.2%	25.3%	25.2%
Europe (Nordic countries not included)	25.1%	22.8%	24.6%
Europe (Nordic countries not included)	23.5%	22.8%	23.3%
Sub-Saharan Africa	22.9%	18.9%	22.5%
Asia	18.9%	13.9%	18.4%
Arab States	17.8%	7.7%	16.0%
Pacific	13.4%	38.6%	16.2%

Regions are presented in descending order of the percentage of women in unicameral parliaments or the lower house of parliament. The regional groupings used are those of IPU.

## Women in parliament

The countries are ranked and colour-coded according to the percentage of women in unicameral parliaments or the lower house of parliament, reflecting elections/appointments up to 1 January 2014.

Rank	Country	Lower or single house	Upper house or Senate	Both houses or State
1	Rwanda	63.8	51/80	38.5
2	Andorra	50.0	14/28	40 to 49.9%
3	Cuba	48.9	239/121	—
4	Sweden	48.0	157/149	—
5	South Africa <sup>1†</sup>	44.8	178/100	34.0
6	Seychelles	43.8	14/32	—
7	Senegal	43.3	65/150	—
8	Finland	42.5	65/200	—
9	Ecuador	41.6	57/137	—
10	Nicaragua	41.3	62/150	39.4
11	Nicaragua	40.2	27/62	—
12	Iceland	39.7	29/63	31.5 to 31.9%
13	Spain	38.7	138/350	33.5
14	Norway	38.6	67/168	—
15	Mozambique	38.2	98/250	—
16	Netherlands	38.1	69/180	—
17	Costa Rica	38.0	58/150	36.0
18	Timor-Leste	38.0	22/57	—
19	Mexico	37.4	167/500	34.4
20	Angola	36.8	61/200	—
21	Argentina	36.6	94/257	38.9
22	Germany	36.5	220/531	27.5
23	United Republic of Tanzania	36.0	126/350	—
24	Uganda	35.0	135/386	—
25	The F.Y.R. of Macedonia	34.1	42/123	—
26	New Zealand	33.9	61/211	—
27	Serbia	33.6	64/250	—
28	Austria	33.3	61/183	29.0
29	Grenada	33.3	5/15	15.4
30	Slovenia	33.3	3/9	3/40
31	Algeria	31.8	146/462	6.9
32	Zimbabwe	31.5	65/210	31.5
33	Italy	31.4	168/530	29.0
34	Guyana	31.3	21/67	—
35	Portugal	31.3	77/250	—
36	Cameroon	31.1	58/180	20.0
37	Switzerland	31.0	62/200	9/46
38	Burundi	30.5	32/105	46.3
39	Nepal	29.9	172/575	19.4
40	Trinidad and Tobago	29.8	15/47	—
41	Luxembourg	28.3	17/60	—
42	Tunisia	28.1	61/216	—
43	Chad	27.8	102/547	16.3
44	Algerian	27.7	69/248	27.5
45	Philippines	27.3	283	8/24
46	Lesotho	26.7	32/120	27.3
47	Guinea	26.3	108	9/33
48	South Sudan	26.3	68/252	10.0
49	Kuwait	25.4	37/147	—
50	El Salvador	25.2	22/84	—
51	Guinea-Bissau	24.6	15/77	70/140
52	Australia	24.6	69/280	41.3
53	Honduras	24.6	33/128	26.9
54	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	24.6	33/130	47.2
55	Singapore	24.6	25	—
56	Iran	24.6	15/61	—
57	Iran	24.6	15/61	—
58	Lithuania	24.1	34/141	—
59	Equatorial Guinea	24.0	24/100	10.7
60	Madagascar	23.9	28/151	—
61	China	23.4	89/2387	—
62	Kyrgyzstan	23.1	34/147	—
63	Madagascar	23.1	34/147	—
64	United Kingdom	22.9	117/498	23.4
65	Israel	22.5	27/120	—
66	Malawi	22.5	45/193	—
67	Peru	22.3	29/130	—
68	Eritrea	22.0	33/150	—
69	Uzbekistan	22.0	33/150	15.0
70	Guinea	21.9	25/114	—
71	Bosnia and Herzegovina	21.4	9/42	13.3
72	Greece	21.0	63/300	—
73	Cabo Verde	20.8	17/72	—
74	Dominican Republic	20.8</		