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This issue of the *ICSID Caseload – Statistics* updates the profile of the ICSID caseload, historically and for the calendar year 2020. It is based on cases registered or administered by ICSID as of December 31, 2020.

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;¹ and the economic sectors involved in ICSID disputes.² 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.

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¹ 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.

² 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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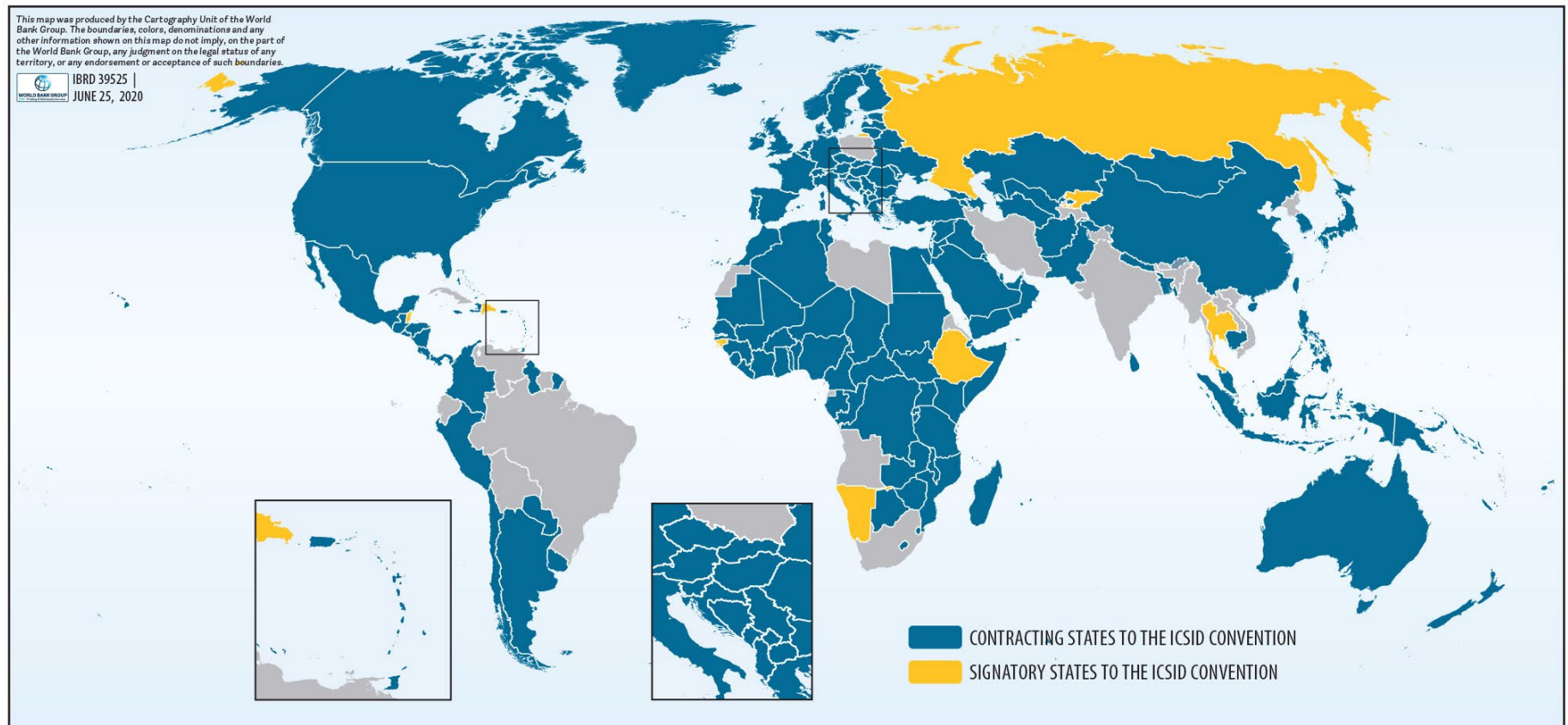
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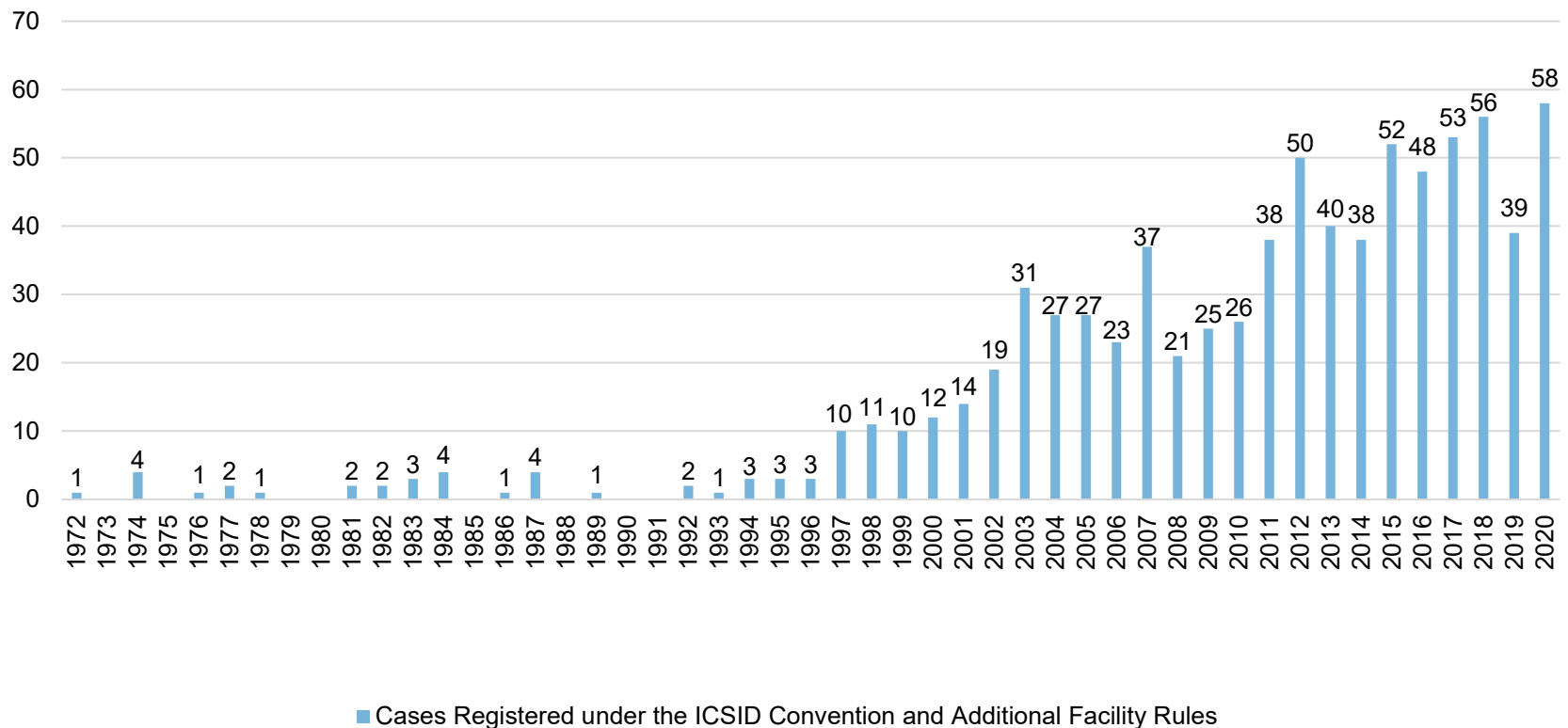
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ALL CASES REGISTERED AND ADMINISTERED
BY ICSID

1. Map of the Contracting States and Other Signatories of the ICSID Convention as of December 31, 2020



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

Chart 1: Total Number of ICSID Cases Registered, by Calendar Year



As of December 31, 2020, ICSID had registered 803 cases under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules.

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

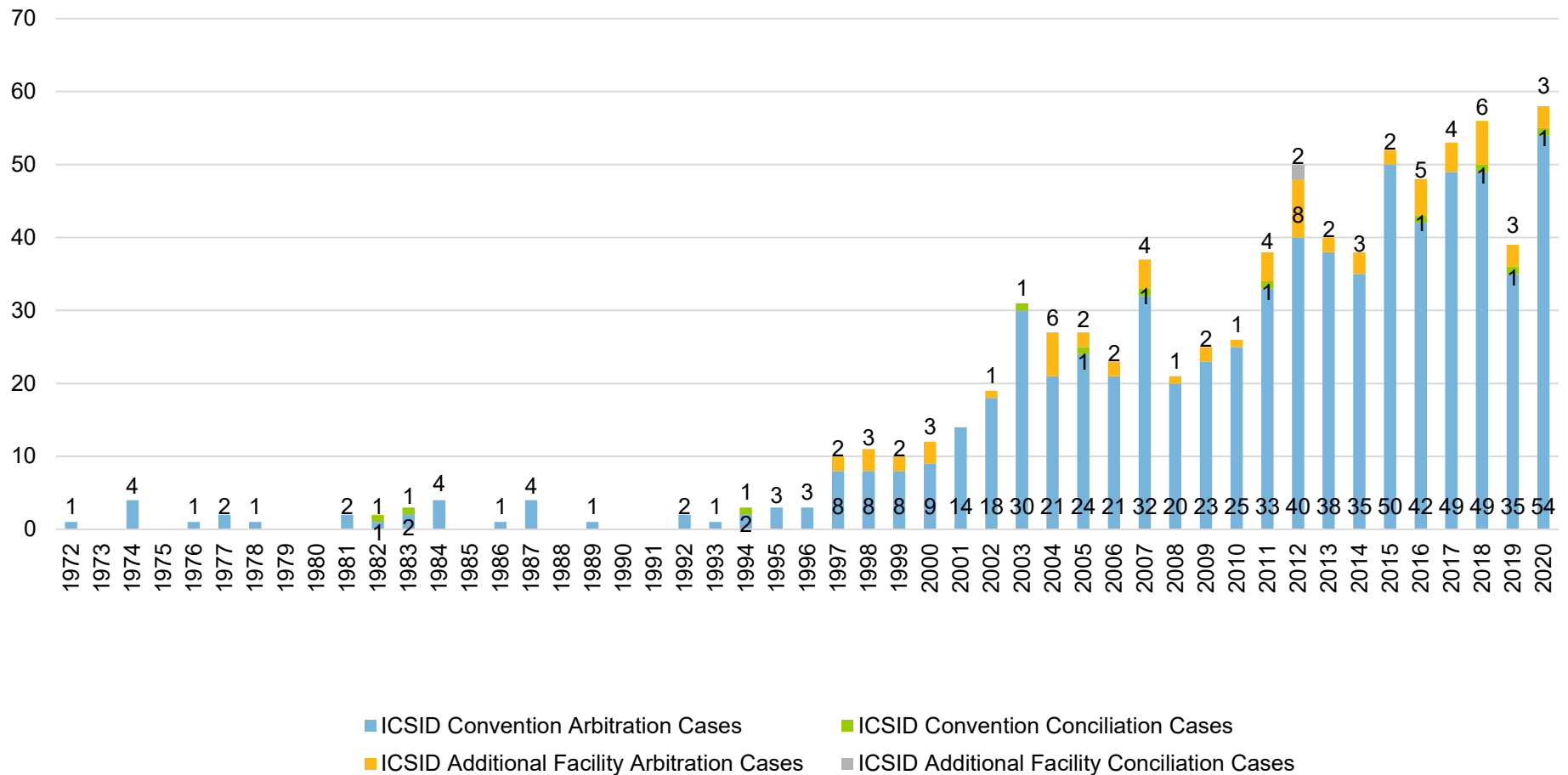
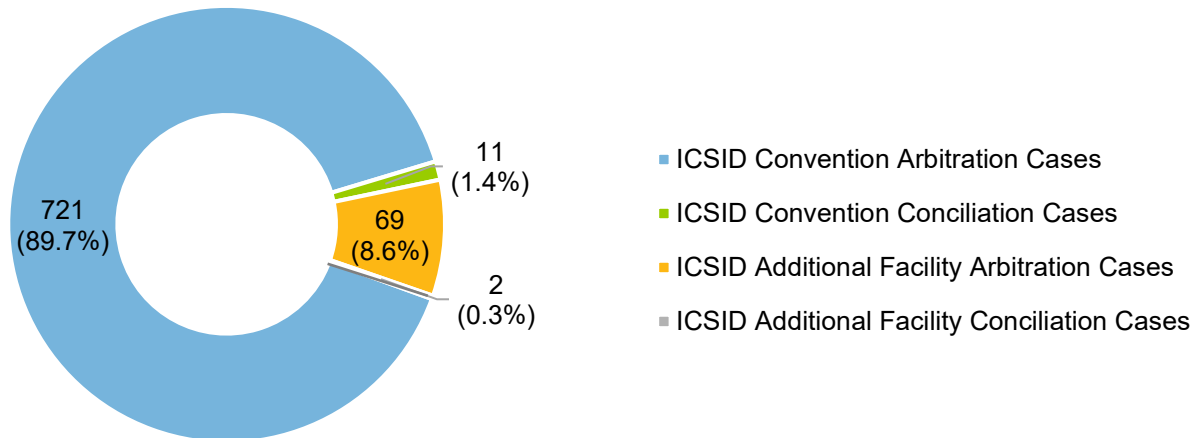


Chart 3: Type of ICSID Cases Registered



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.

For further information, please visit the Centre's [website](#) or contact the [Secretariat](#).

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

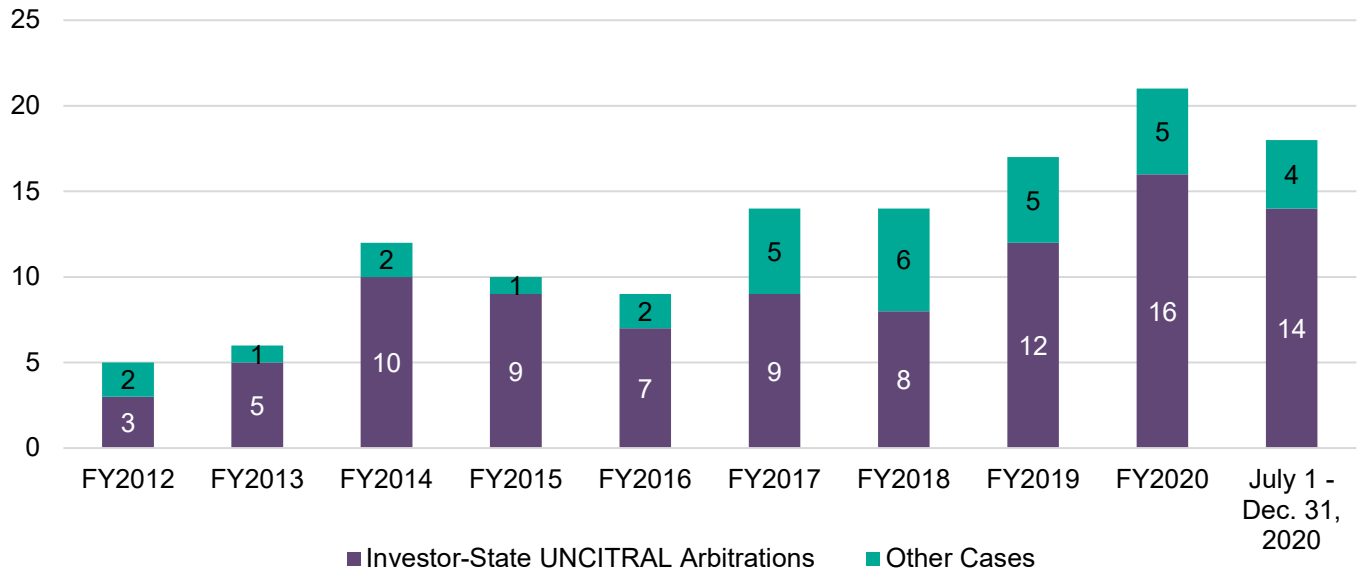
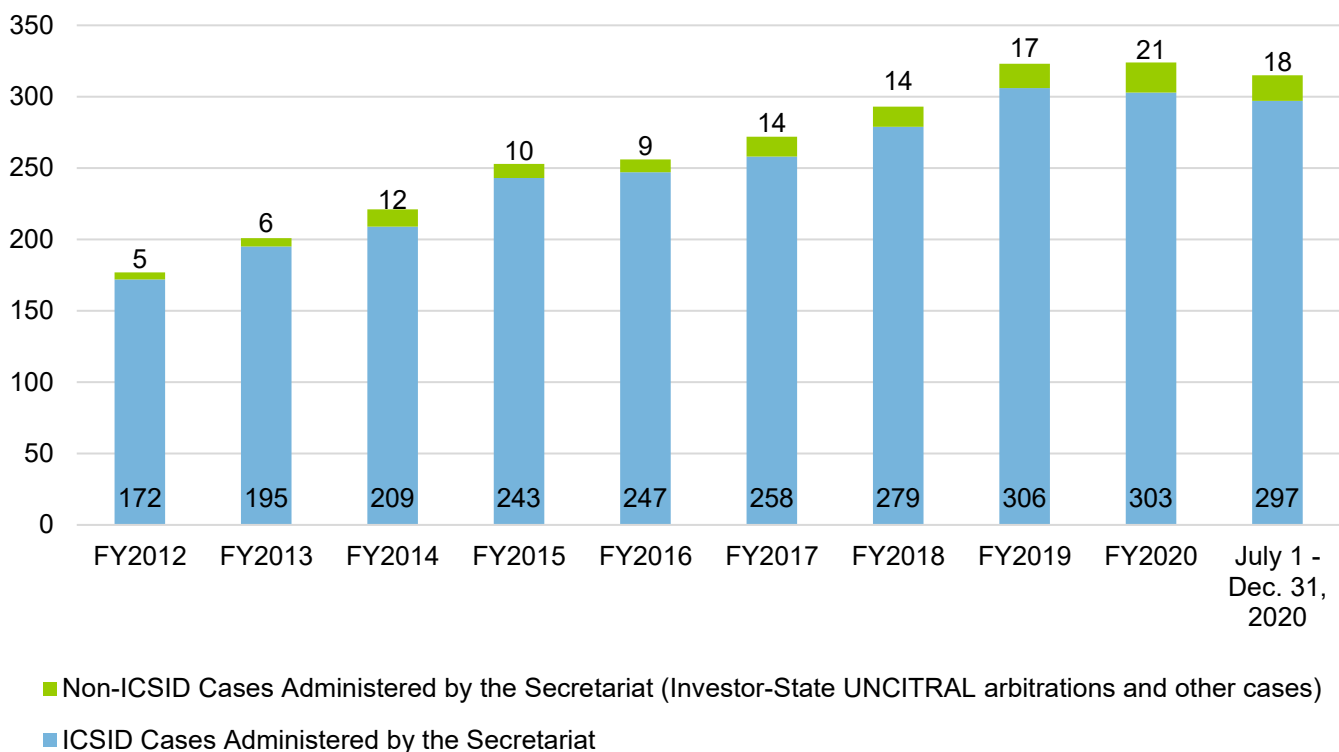
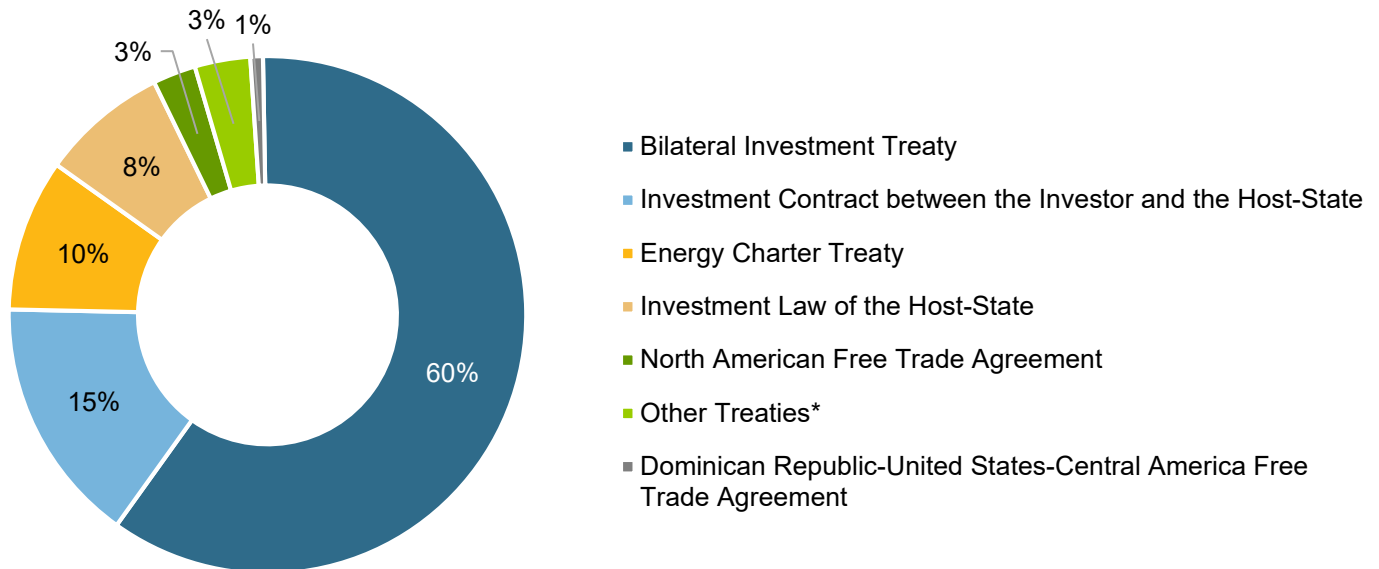


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4. Basis of Consent Invoked to Establish ICSID Jurisdiction in Registered ICSID Cases

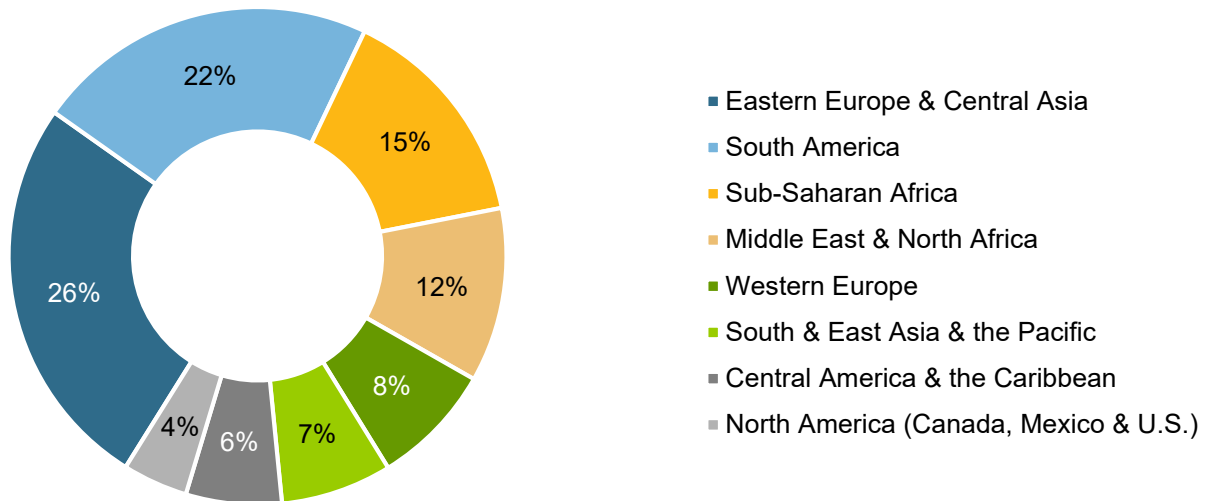
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* This category includes the Agreement on Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments in the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Community; Agreement on Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments among Member States of the Organisation 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.

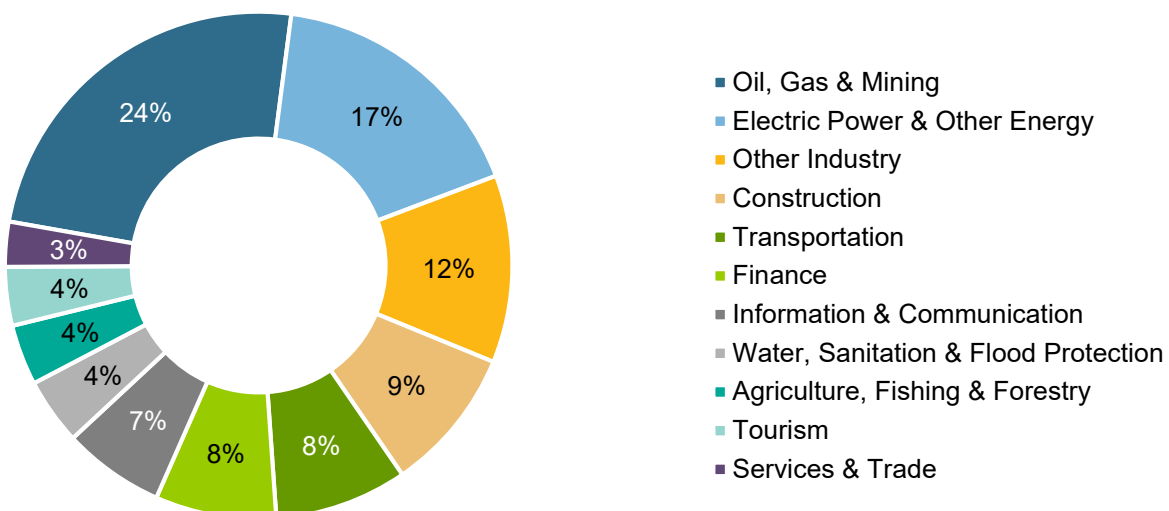
5. Geographic Distribution of All ICSID Cases, by State Party Involved

Chart 7: Geographic Distribution of All Cases Registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules, by State Party Involved



6. Distribution of All ICSID Cases by Economic Sector

Chart 8: Geographic Distribution of All Cases Registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules, by Economic Sector



7. ICSID Arbitration Proceedings – Outcomes

Chart 9: Arbitration Proceedings under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules – Outcomes

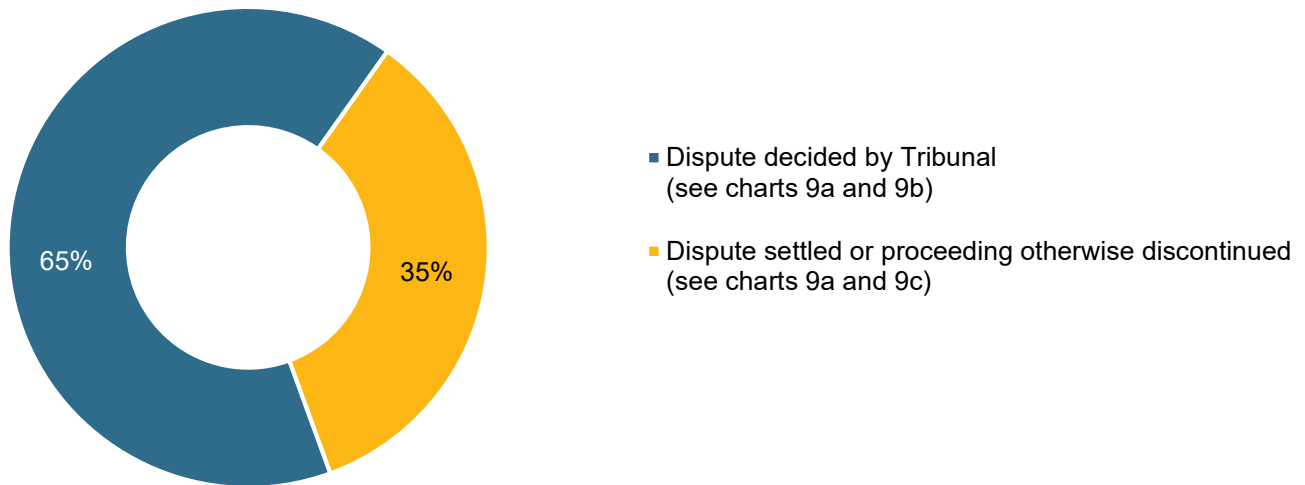


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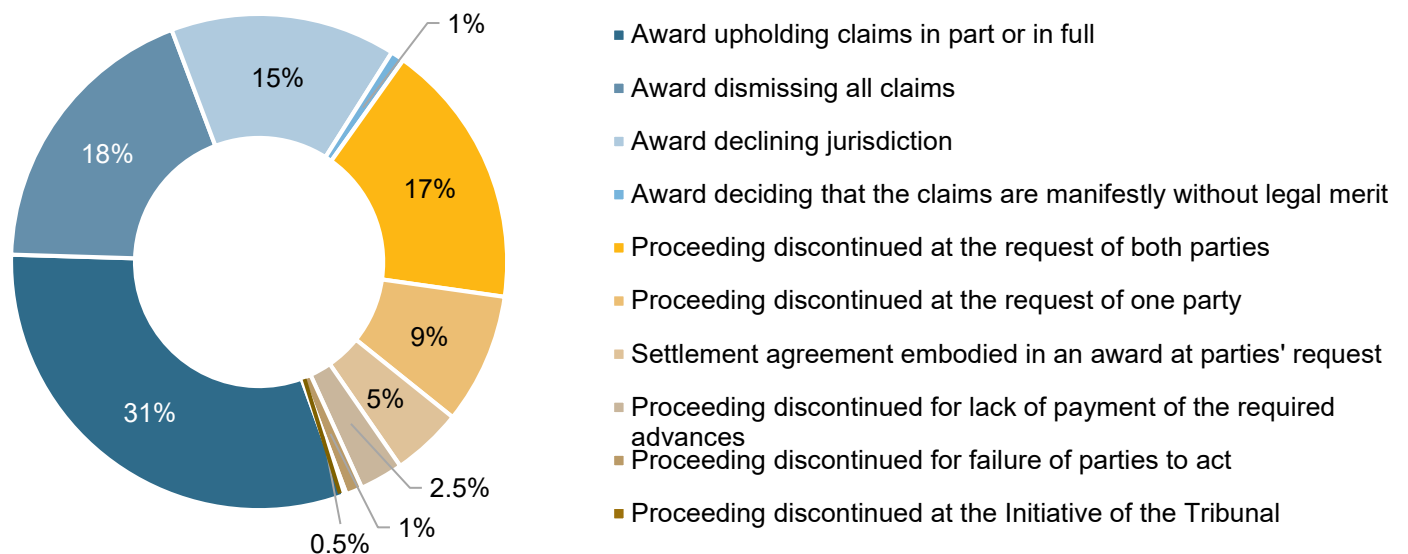


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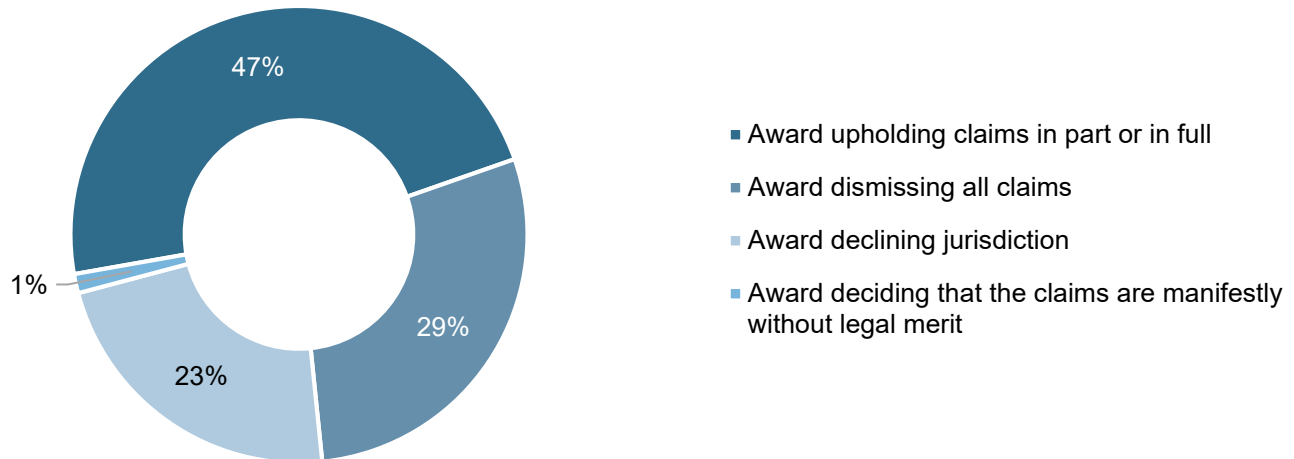
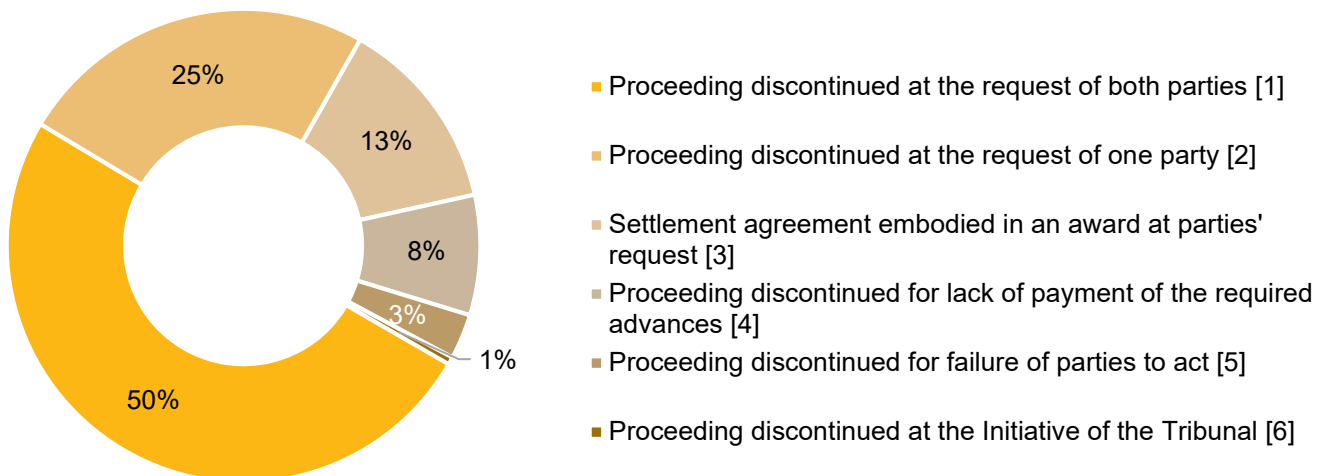


Chart 9c: Disputes Settled or Proceedings Otherwise Discontinued under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules – Basis



[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

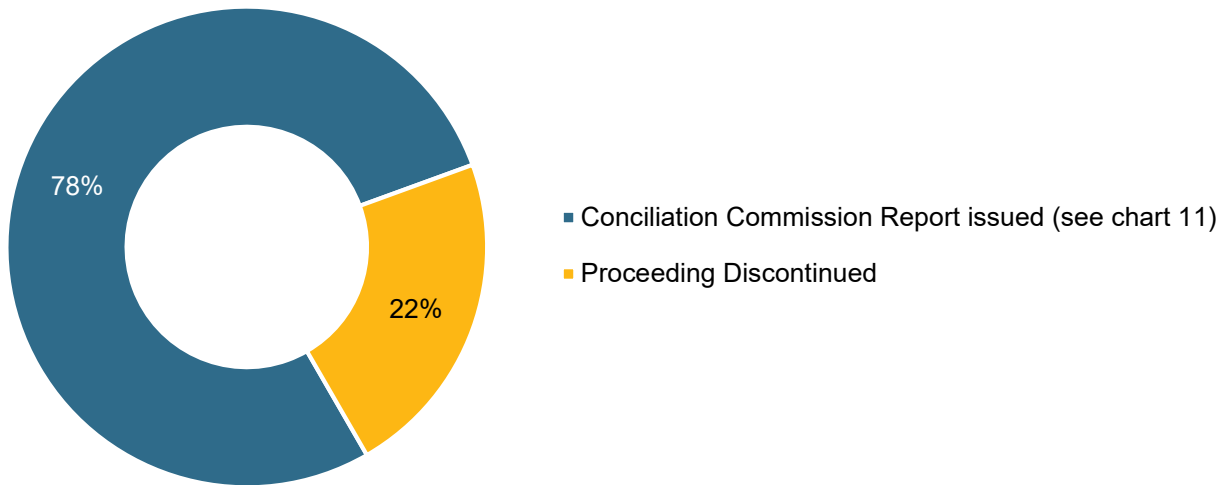
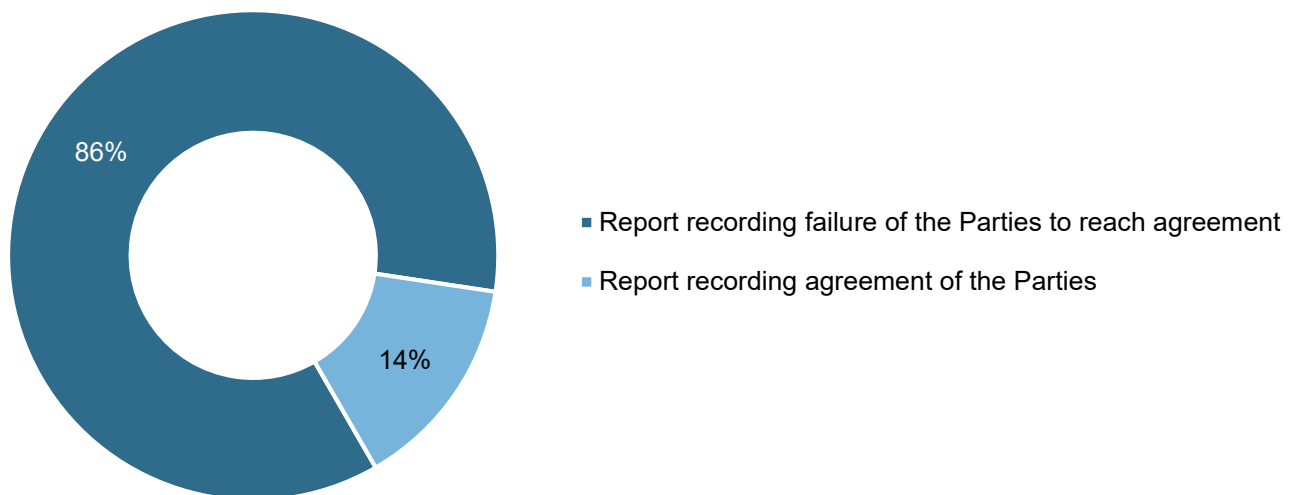
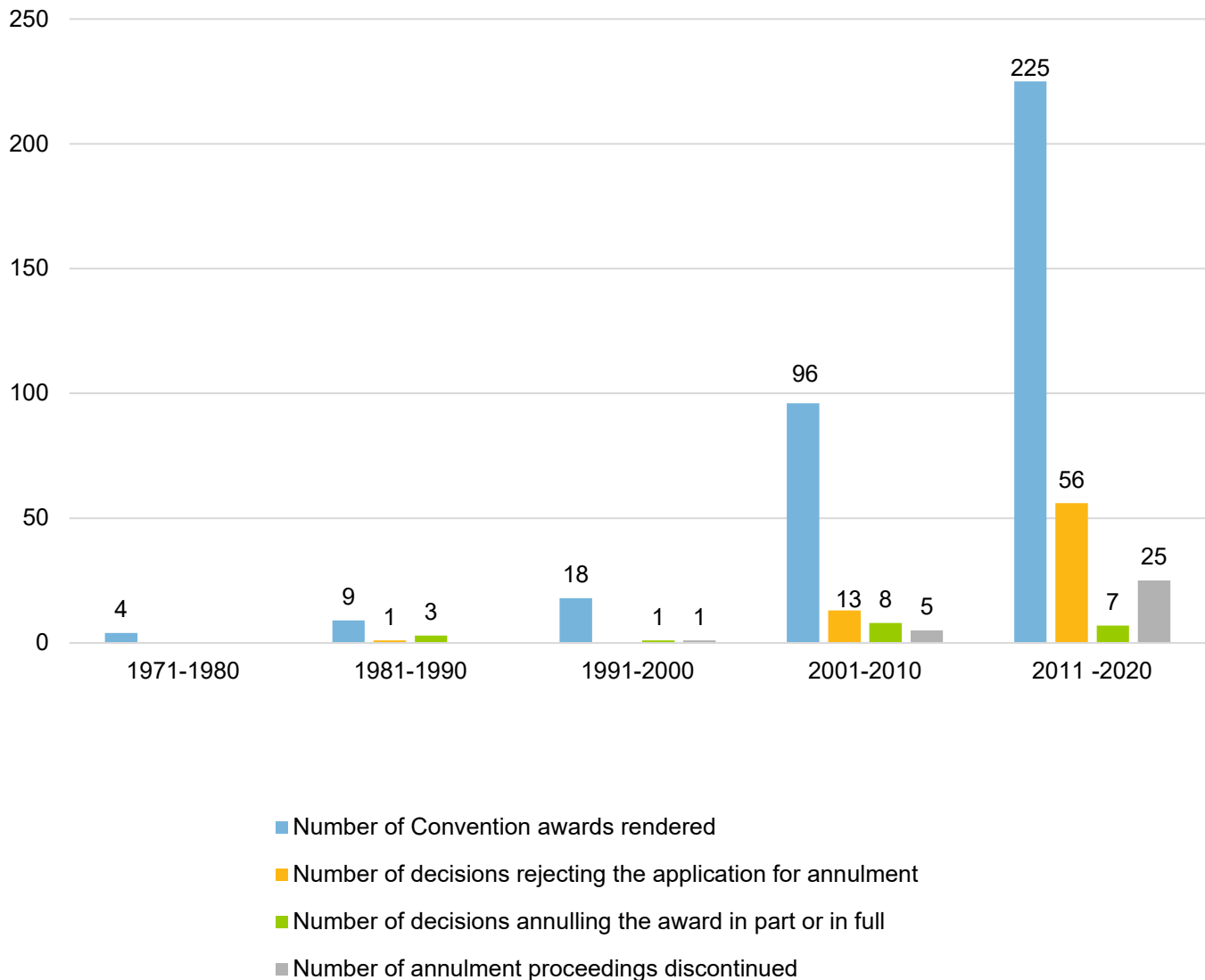


Chart 11: Conciliation Proceedings under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules – Commission Reports



9. Annulment Proceedings under the ICSID Convention – Outcomes

Chart 12: Awards Rendered and Outcomes in Annulment Proceedings under the ICSID Convention, by Decade



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

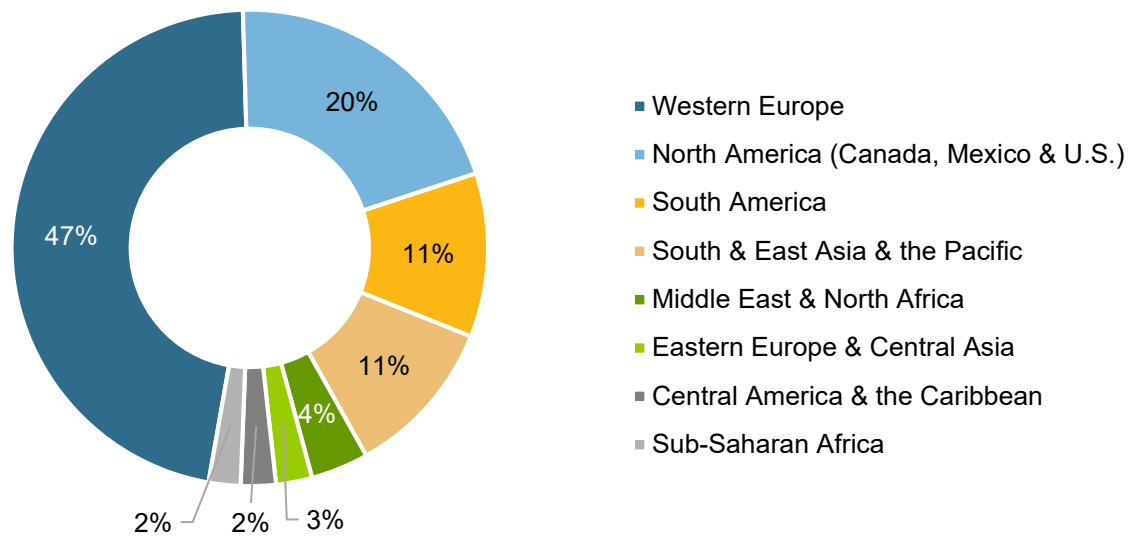


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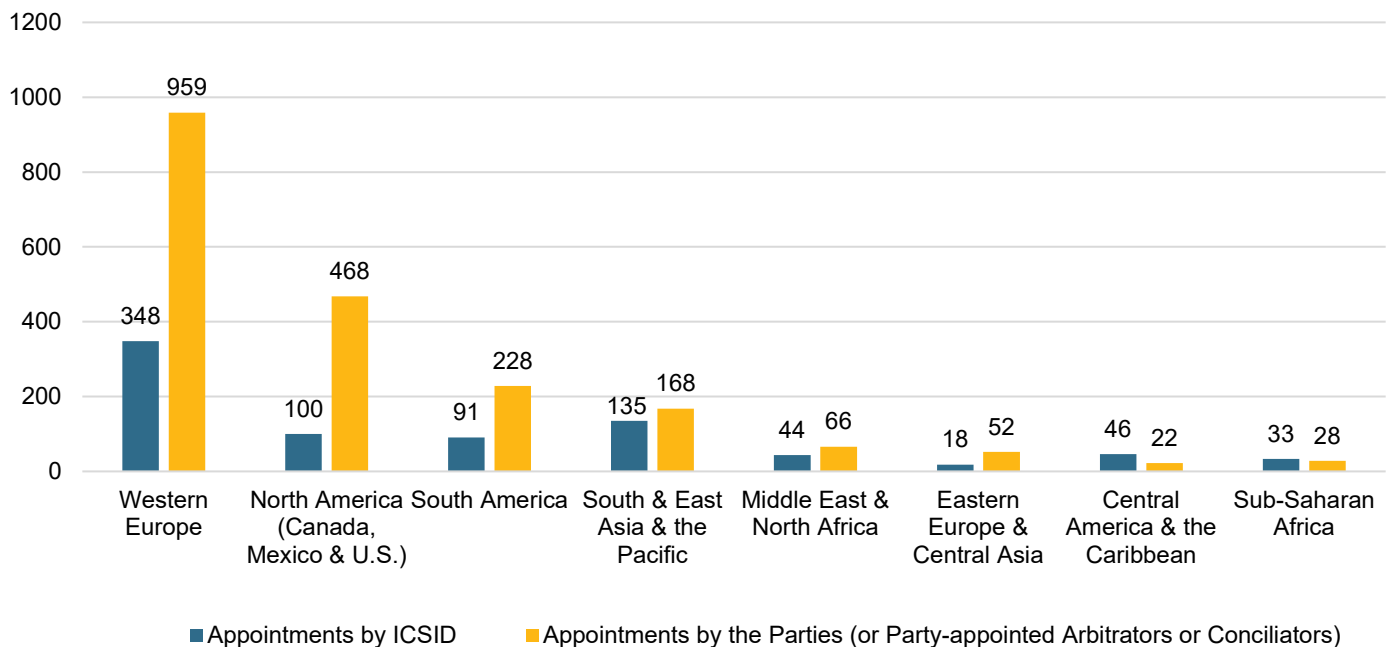


Chart 15: State of Nationality of Arbitrators, Conciliators and *ad hoc* Committee Members Appointed in Cases Registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules

Nationality/ Nationalities	As of December 31, 2020	Nationality/ Nationalities	As of December 31, 2020
France	277	Slovak Republic	14
United States of America	262	Canada / United Kingdom	13
United Kingdom	236	France / Switzerland	13
Canada	155	Iran, Islamic Rep. of / France	13
Switzerland	144	Morocco	13
Spain	129	Peru	13
Australia	105	Bangladesh	12
Germany	102	Malaysia	12
Mexico	79	Greece	11
Argentina	76	Nigeria	11
Italy	75	Philippines	11
Belgium	71	Australia / Ireland	10
Chile	65	Germany / Austria	10
Netherlands	57	Ireland / Germany	10
New Zealand	51	Colombia / France	9
Colombia	48	Denmark	9
Bulgaria	45	Uruguay	9
Egypt, Arab Rep. of	39	Venezuela	9
Costa Rica	34	Somalia	8
Sweden	31	Argentina / United States of America	7
Singapore	30	Ecuador	7
France / Sweden	28	Senegal	7
Austria	25	Thailand	7
United Kingdom / France	25	Bahamas	6
Argentina / Spain	21	Canada / Lebanon	6
Canada / New Zealand	21	India	6
Brazil	19	Ireland / United States of America	6
Finland	19	Portugal	6
United States of America / Switzerland	19	Switzerland / Ireland	6
Korea, Rep. of	16	United Kingdom / Italy	6
Pakistan	16	Guyana	5
China	15	New Zealand / United Kingdom	5
Guatemala	15	Paraguay	5
Switzerland / Brazil	15	United Kingdom / Nigeria	5
Lebanon / France	14	United States of America / France	5

Nationality/ Nationalities	As of December 31, 2020
United States of America / United Kingdom	5
Algeria	4
Barbados	4
Cyprus	4
Iran, Islamic Rep. of	4
Lebanon / Chile	4
Mexico / Germany	4
Peru / Switzerland	4
Argentina / Portugal	3
Czech Republic	3
Honduras	3
Israel	3
Jamaica	3
Serbia	3
South Africa	3
Togo	3
Benin	2
Burundi	2
Cameroon	2
Chile / United States of America	2
France / Mauritius	2
Gabon	2
Ghana	2
Ireland	2
Japan	2
Jordan	2
Lebanon	2
Madagascar	2
Malawi	2
Malta / South Africa	2
United Kingdom / Germany	2
United Kingdom / Pakistan	2
Algerian / French	1

Nationality/ Nationalities	As of December 31, 2020
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
France / Syria	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 / Uganda	1
United States of America / Canada	1
United States of America / Egypt	1
Uruguay / France	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

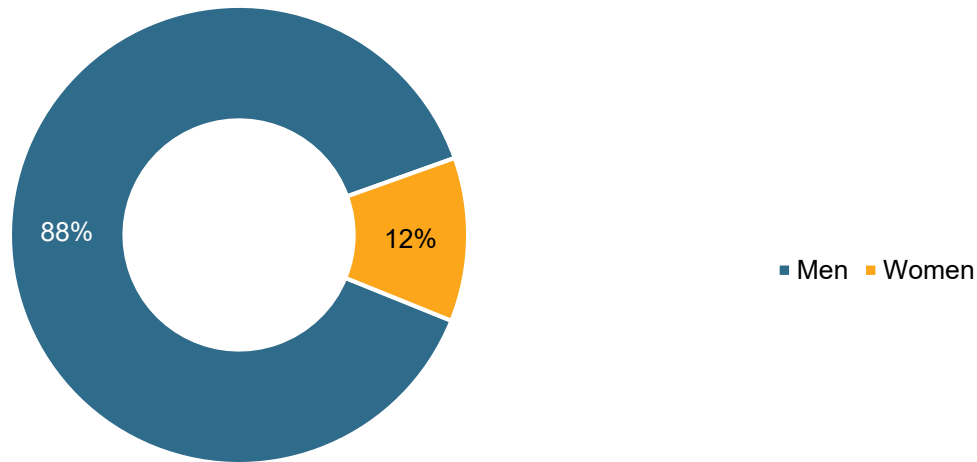
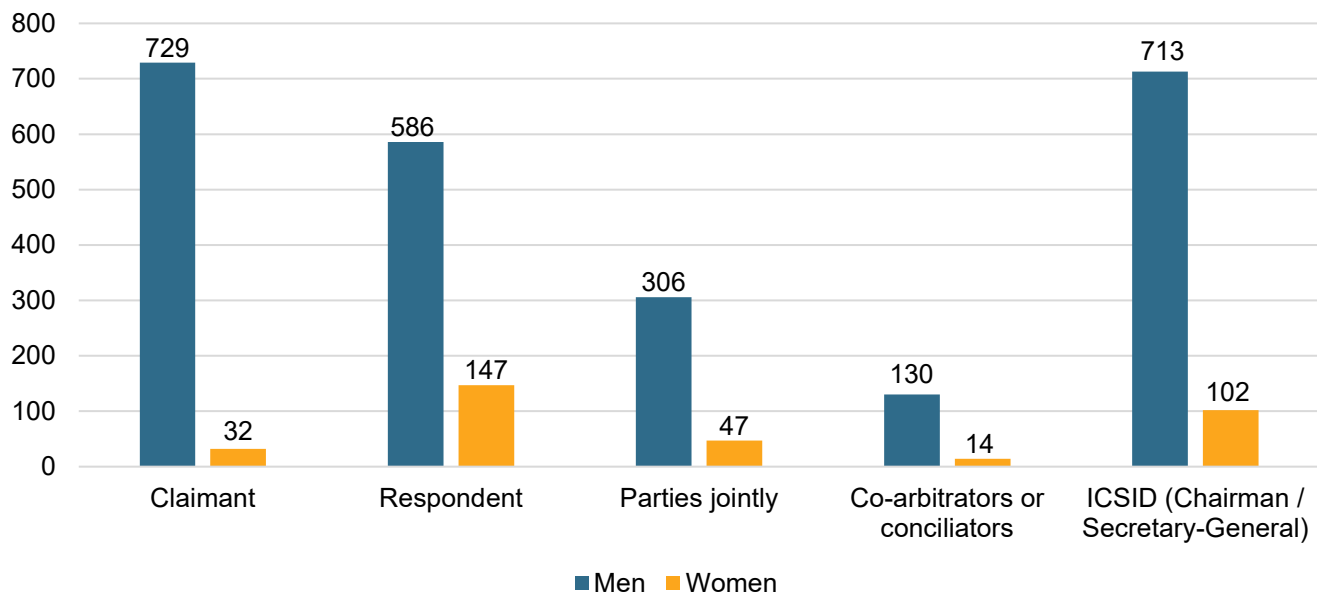


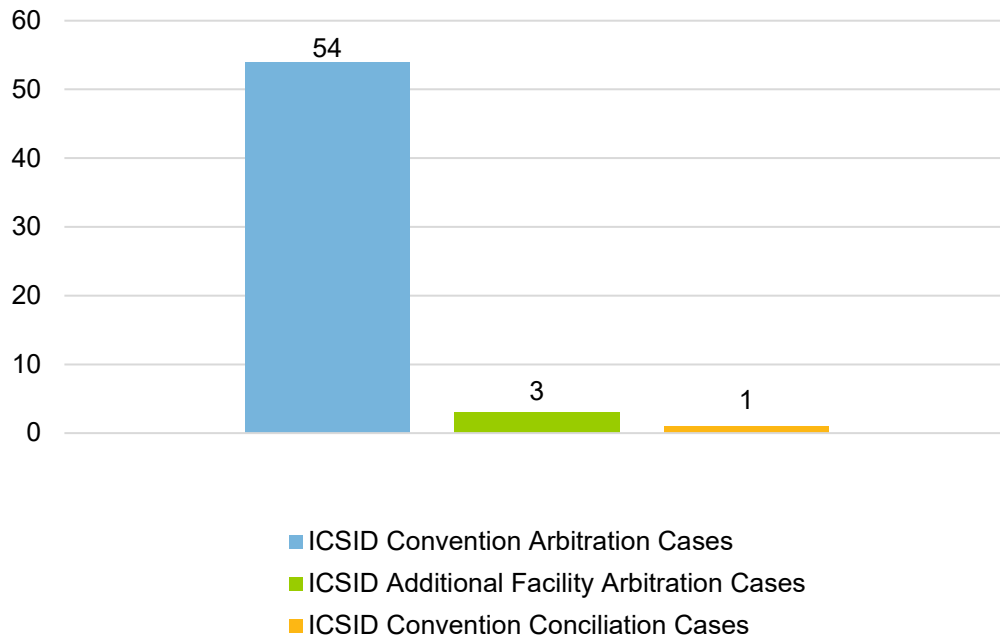
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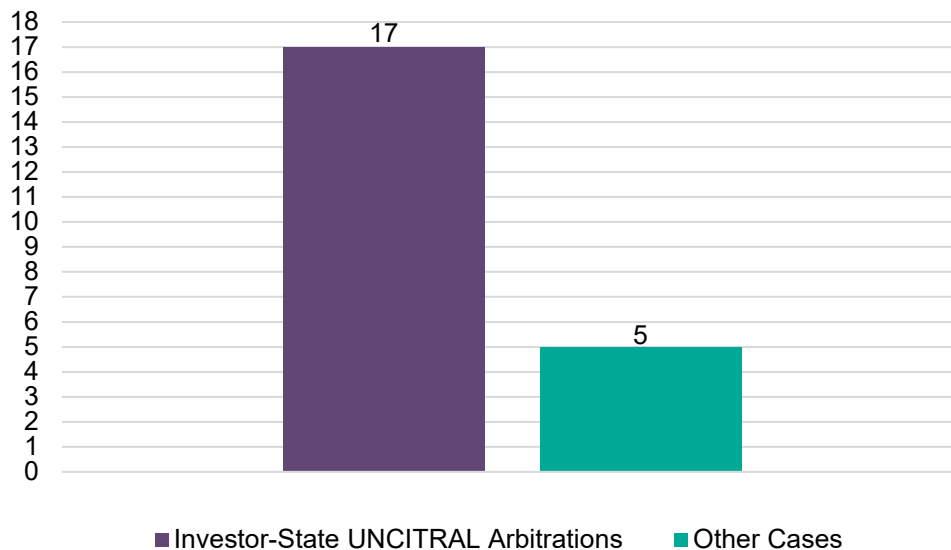
1. New Cases Registered by ICSID in 2020

Chart 1: Number of New Cases Registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules in 2020



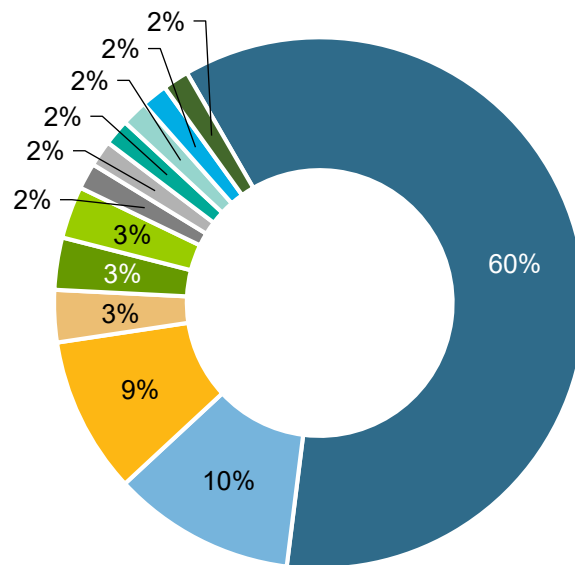
2. Non-ICSID Cases Administered by the ICSID Secretariat in 2020

Chart 2: Number of Non-ICSID Cases Administered by the ICSID Secretariat in 2020



3. Basis of Consent Invoked to Establish ICSID Jurisdiction in New Cases Registered in 2020

Chart 3: Basis of Consent Invoked to Establish ICSID Jurisdiction in New Cases Registered in 2020 under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules



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

4. Geographic Distribution of New ICSID Cases Registered in 2020, by State Party Involved

Chart 4: Geographic Distribution of New Cases Registered in 2020 under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules, by State Party Involved

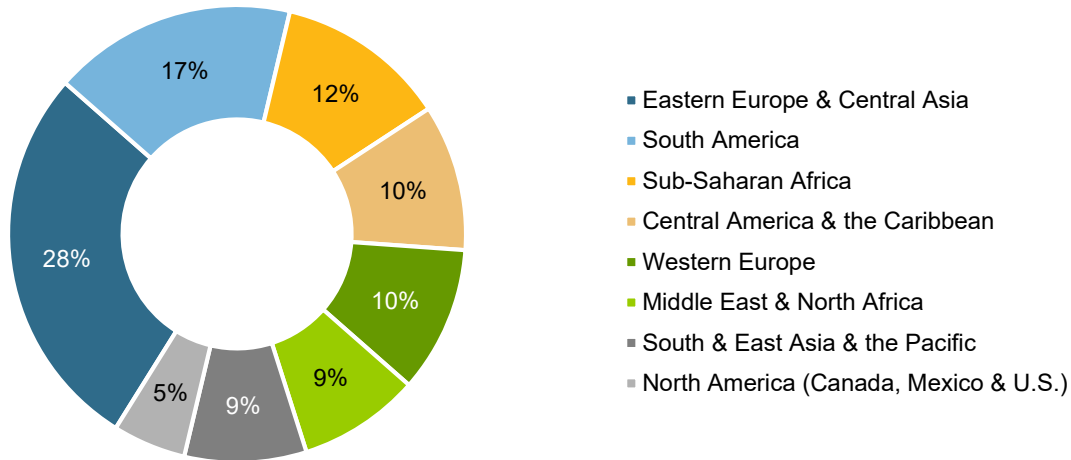
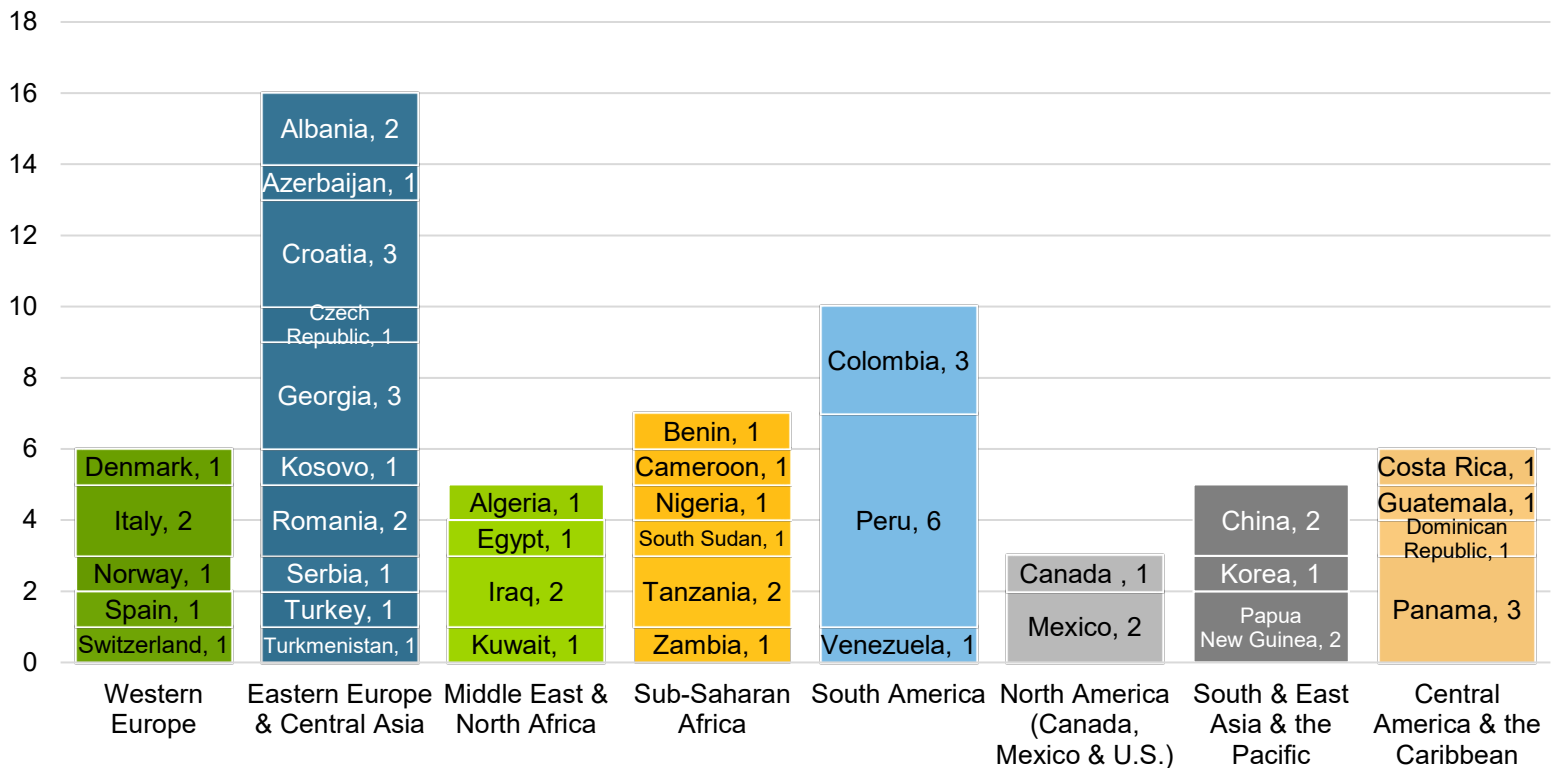
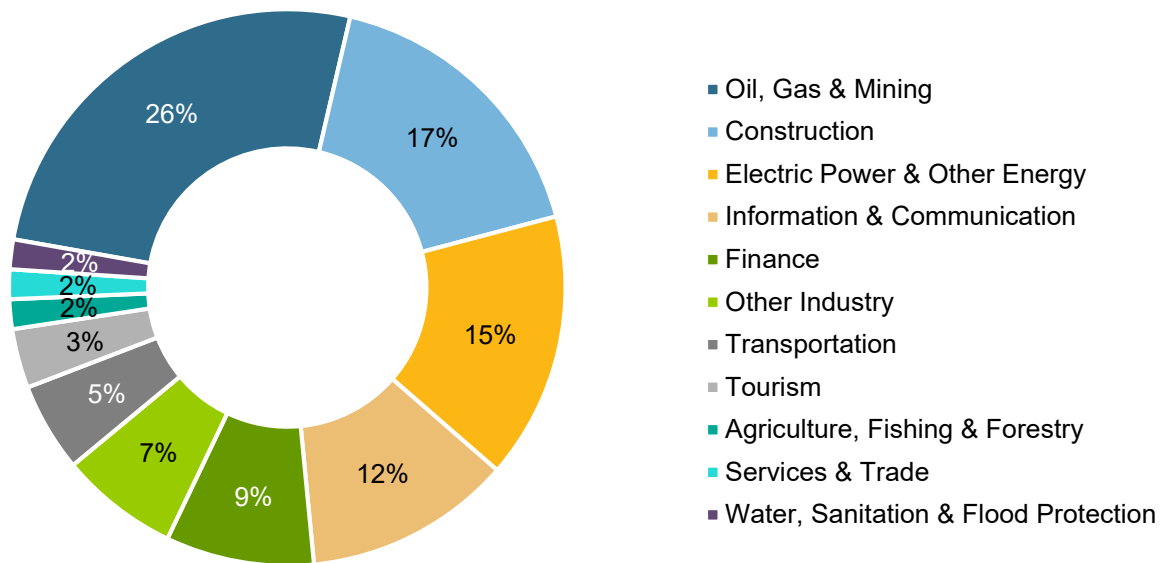


Chart 5: Geographic Distribution of New Cases Registered in 2020 under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules, by State Party Involved – Further Details



5. Distribution of New ICSID Cases Registered in 2020, by Economic Sector

Chart 6: Distribution of New Cases Registered in 2020 under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules, by Economic Sector



6. ICSID Arbitration Proceedings Concluded in 2020 – Outcomes

Chart 7: Arbitration Proceedings under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules concluded in 2020 – Outcomes

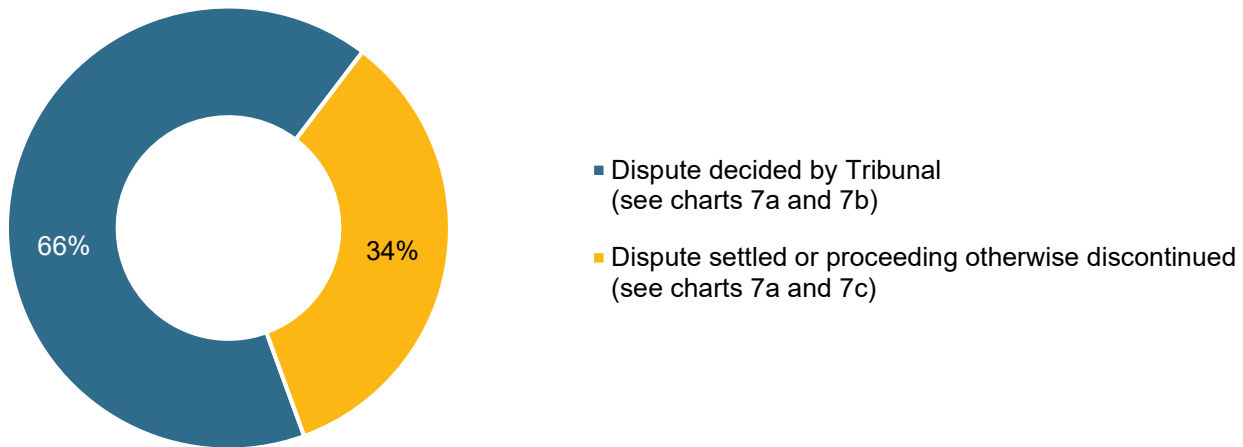


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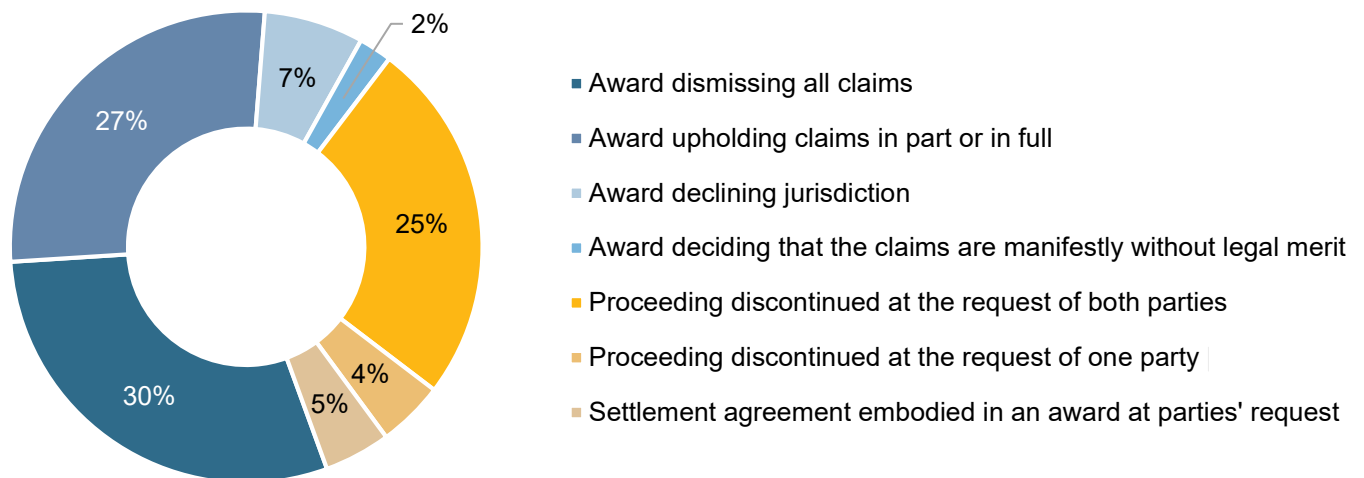


Chart 7b: Disputes Decided by Arbitral Tribunals under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules in 2020 – Findings

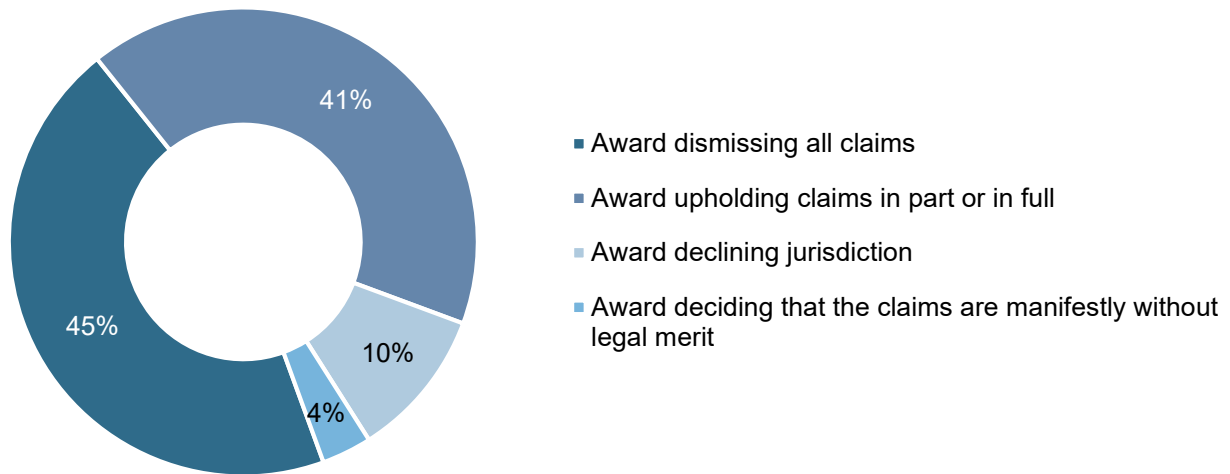
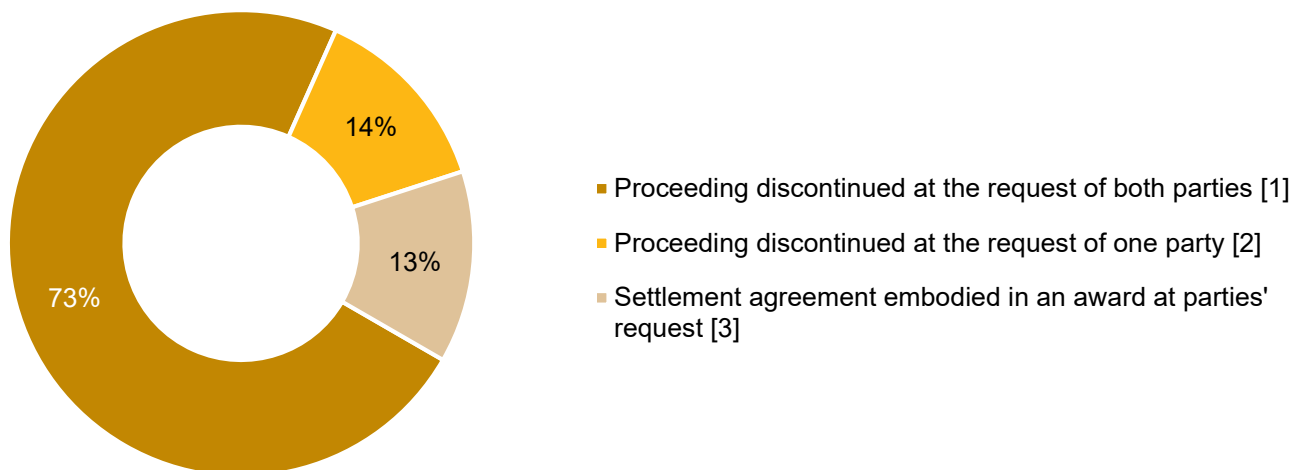


Chart 7c: Disputes Settled or Proceedings Otherwise Discontinued under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules in 2020 – Basis



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

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

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

7. Arbitrators, Conciliators and *ad hoc* Committee Members Appointed in ICSID Cases in 2020

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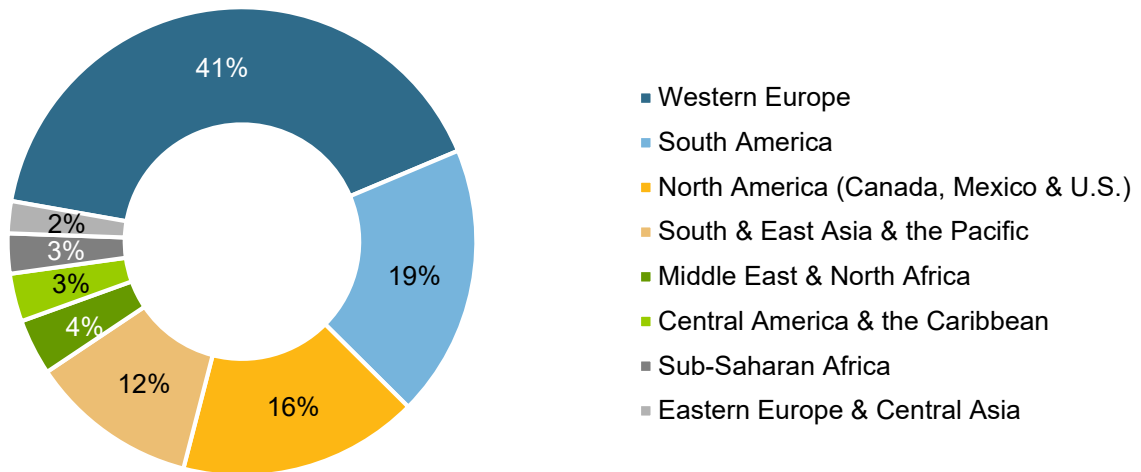


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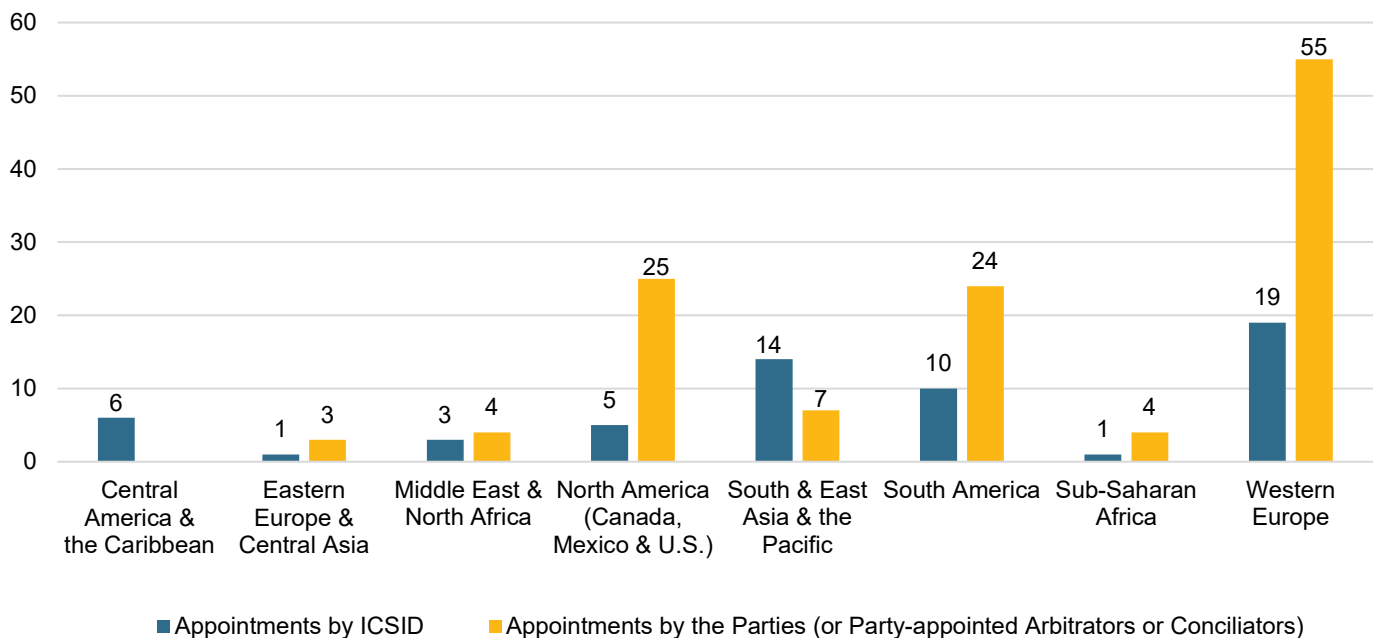


Chart 10: State of Nationality of Arbitrators, Conciliators and *ad hoc* Committee Members Appointed in 2020 in Cases Registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules

Nationality/ Nationalities	As of December 31, 2020
France	17
United Kingdom	14
Argentina	12
Canada	11
United States of America	9
Spain	7
Switzerland	7
Mexico	5
Netherlands	5
Singapore	5
Australia	4
Colombia	4
Finland	4
Argentina / Portugal	3
Argentina / Spain	3
Austria	3
Belgium	3
Chile	3
Germany	3
Italy	3
Korea, Rep. of	3
Portugal	3
Australia / Ireland	2
Bahamas	2
Brazil / Switzerland	2
Costa Rica	2
Egypt	2
Guatemala	2
Ireland / United States of America	2
Malta / South Africa	2
Mexico / Germany	2

Nationality/ Nationalities	As of December 31, 2020
New Zealand	2
Pakistan	2
Algeria / France	1
Argentina / United States of America	1
Brazil	1
Bulgaria	1
Burundi	1
Canada / Lebanon	1
Canada / New Zealand	1
China	1
Colombia / France	1
Egypt / United States of America	1
France / Switzerland	1
Iran, Islamic Rep. of / France	1
Ireland	1
Latvia	1
Lebanese / Chilean	1
New Zealand / United Kingdom	1
Nigeria	1
Paraguay	1
Peru	1
Peru / Switzerland	1
Romania	1
Slovak Republic	1
Sweden	1
Switzerland / United States of America	1
United Kingdom / Italy	1
United Kingdom / Nigeria	1
United Kingdom / Pakistan	1
Uruguay / France	1

Chart 11: Arbitrators, Conciliators and *ad hoc* Committee Members Appointed in Cases Registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules in 2020 – Distribution of Appointments by Gender

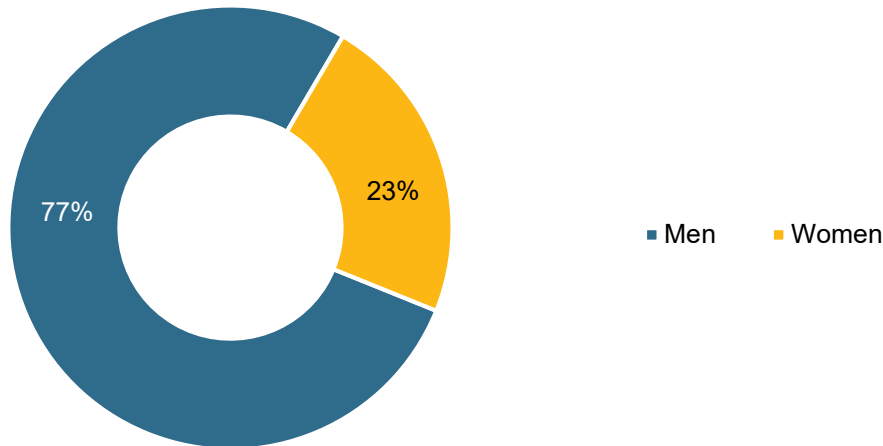
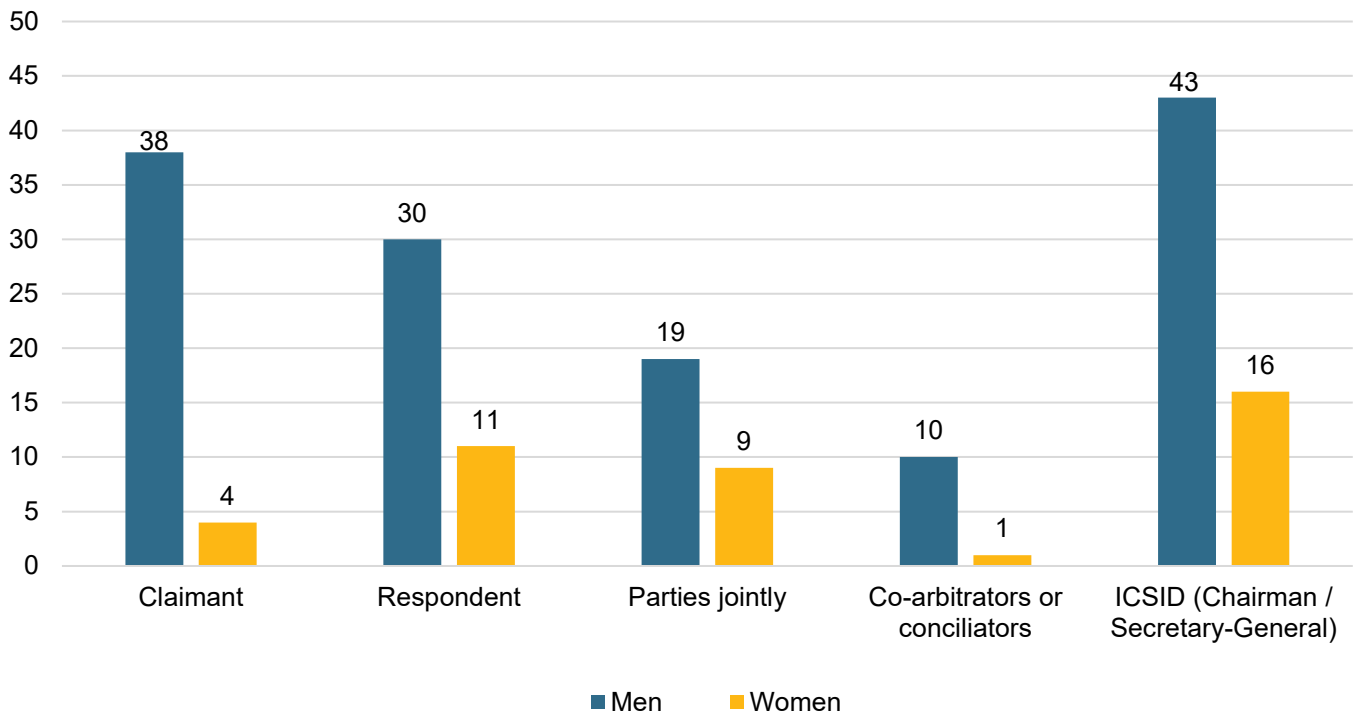


Chart 12: Arbitrators, Conciliators and *ad hoc* Committee Members Appointed in Cases Registered under the ICSID Convention and Additional Facility Rules in 2020 – Distribution of Appointments by ICSID and by the Parties (or Party-appointed Arbitrators or Conciliators), by Gender



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