Countries of the World and International Organizations: Sources of Information

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SUMMARY

This report provides a selection of materials for locating information on foreign countries and international organizations. In the general information section, it presents sources giving an overview of politics, economics, and recent history. A specialized information section cites sources on human rights, immigration, international organizations, military strengths, terrorism, and other topics. Included are titles of some of the most frequently consulted bibliographic sources that are available for use in many libraries. Electronic information on foreign countries is also provided via the Internet by agencies of the federal government, international organizations, and related sources. Included is a list of foreign chanceries located in Washington, D.C.
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GENERAL INFORMATION

This report provides a selection of materials for locating information on foreign countries and international organizations. This section presents sources giving an overview of politics, economics, and recent history, and another section covers specialized topics. Included are titles of some of the most frequently consulted bibliographic sources that are available for use in many libraries. Internet addresses are provided for travel and international information. Included is a list of foreign chanceries located in Washington, D.C. Those who may wish to write to the U.S. government agencies included here can consult local libraries for addresses.

Background Notes (Washington, GPO) are published by the U.S. Department of State for each country of the world and revised intermittently. Profile information is given on the people, geography, economy, government, and U.S. relations with the country. An 8"x11" map is included along with information for tourists and a basic reading list.

Europa Yearbook (London, Europa Publications), an annual publication, is valued for its economic statistics and trade figures, as well as for its brief historical and economic background. It contains listings of cabinet members and media in each country, and a section on international organizations including the United Nations. Statesman’s Year-Book (New York, St. Martin’s Press) contains similar information in a more abbreviated form.

General encyclopedias, such as Encyclopedia Americana (New York, Grolier), World Book Encyclopedia (Chicago, Field Enterprises), American Academic Encyclopedia (Danbury, CT, Grolier) and New Encyclopedia Britannica (Chicago, Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc.), provide detailed narratives on the history, geography, culture, economics, and government of the nations of the world. Pictures, maps, and charts are featured.

Political Handbook of the World (Binghamton, NY, CSA Publications) is an annual publication that contains narrative information on the government, politics, political parties, legislature, and news media of each country in the world.

Statistical Abstract of the United States (Washington, GPO), an annual publication by the Bureau of the Census at the Department of Commerce, includes comparative international statistics on population, households, health, education, economic measures, and a guide to foreign statistical abstracts.

World Almanac and Book of Facts (New York, Funk & Wagnalls), and Information Please Almanac (Boston, Houghton Mifflin) are two annual publications with sections on
countries of the world. They include statistics on population, geography, names of government officials, and brief historical background.

*World Factbook* (Washington, GPO) is a popular annual publication of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), which contains statistics and facts on the land, language, people, economy, defense, religion, literacy, etc., of each country of the world.

**SPECIALIZED INFORMATION**

Listed below are selected sources on the following topics: human rights, immigration, international organizations, international trade and business, maps, military strengths, people, terrorism, travel, and working/studying abroad.

**HUMAN RIGHTS**

*Amnesty International Report* (New York, Amnesty International USA) documents Amnesty International’s work annually throughout the world. Entries contain accounts of imprisonment, torture, and killing by repressive governments.

*Country Reports on Human Rights Practices* (Washington, GPO) is an annual publication by the U.S. Department of State. Contains information on respect for and violation of civil liberties and political rights in each country.

**IMMIGRATION**

*Statistical Yearbook* (Washington, GPO) is an annual publication by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) of the Department of Justice. Provides a wide array of statistical information including legal and illegal immigration to the United States by country and region, naturalization and border enforcement.

*World Refugee Survey* (Washington, GPO), prepared annually by the U.S. Committee for Refugees, documents and reports the conditions of displaced persons worldwide and provides statistics for a given year.

**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

*Encyclopedia of Associations, International Organizations* (New York, Gale Research) is published annually and gives brief descriptions of over 15,000 international nonprofit membership organizations, including multinational groups located outside the United States.

*Yearbook of International Organizations* (Munich, Germany, K.G. Saur), edited annually by the Union of International Organizations, is divided into three densely packed volumes by organization description, country, and subject index. Each entry provides a brief description of the organization, its publications, affiliations, and address.

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND BUSINESS**
Country Reports on Economic Policy and Trade Practices (Washington, GPO) is an annual publication by the State Department that contains information on individual country’s key economic indicators, debt management policies, exchange rates, structural policies, worker rights, and trade policies.

Exporters’ Encyclopedia (New York, Dun & Bradstreet) is an annual publication that profiles U.S. commercial requirements for main export areas of the world. Traditionally focused on U.S. exports to Europe and Japan, it now includes profiles on emerging Asian and Latin American markets.

Handbook of International Economic Statistics (Washington, GPO) is compiled by the CIA’s Directorate of Intelligence and published intermittently. The Handbook provides basic statistics in comparing worldwide economic performance and is divided by chapters into overall economic profiles by regions of the world. It is also divided by subjects, such as energy, agriculture, foreign trade, and foreign aid.

Principal International Businesses (New York, Dun & Bradstreet) is published annually and provides business addresses worldwide by geographical areas and by industry classification (SIC codes).

MAPS

Map Catalog (New York, Tilden Press) is an annual publication that lists government and commercial sources by subject for specialized maps of countries such as topographical, political, and aerial/satellite reproductions.

MILITARY STRENGTHS

Military Balance (London, Brassey’s) is updated each year to provide timely and quantitative assessment of military forces and defense expenditures of over 140 countries. Data, compiled by the International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS), include statistics on manpower, equipment, and weapons systems.

World Military Expenditures and Arms Transfers (Washington, GPO) is prepared by the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. It is published biennially and provides statistical tables of military and economic variables for 166 countries, including arms transfer deliveries by major supplier and recipient country.

World Military and Social Expenditures (Washington, World Priorities), by Ruth Leger Sivard and contributing writers, is a biennial reporting of world resources for social and military purposes by geographic region. Included are summaries of recent conflicts and the ranking of countries by military and social indicators along with detailed maps.

PEOPLE (HEADS OF STATE, DIPLOMATS, ETC.)

Chiefs of State and Cabinet Members of Foreign Governments (Washington, GPO) is issued monthly by the Central Intelligence Agency. It provides a listing of names without biographical material.
Congressional Directory (Washington, GPO) is published biennially. It contains a section listing foreign diplomatic representatives and consular offices in the United States; it also lists ambassadors and U.S. diplomatic and consular offices abroad.

Current Biography (New York, H.W. Wilson) has been published monthly except December since 1940 and compiled annually as Current Biography Yearbook. It provides background information on people prominent in the national news and international affairs. Selected biographical references are also listed at the end of each entry.

Diplomatic List (Washington, GPO) is issued quarterly by the Department of State. It contains the names of foreign diplomats assigned to Washington, DC.

International Who’s Who (London, Europa) is published annually, a ready reference source that provides biographical information on the world’s famous and influential people.

International Year Book and Statesman’s Who Who (West Sussex, England, Reed Information Services) is an annual compilation that provides biographies of leading politicians, diplomats, and businessmen worldwide. Divided into three sections, it also contains background information on international organizations and a brief overview of the nations of the world.

Key Officers of Foreign Service Posts (Washington, GPO), revised and issued quarterly by the Department of State, provides names of key U.S. personnel at embassies abroad. It also contains addresses, telephone, telex, and fax numbers for all U.S. embassies, missions, and consulates.

TERRORISM

Patterns of Global Terrorism (Washington, GPO), an annual publication of the Department of State, reviews terrorist activities from the past year. It includes a chronology of significant terrorist incidents and descriptions of selected terrorist organizations.

TRAVEL AND TRAVEL ADVISORIES

Culturgrams: The Nations Around US (Provo, UT, Brigham Young Univ.), published annually and developed by the David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies, summarizes the unique customs, traditions, and lifestyles within a country and includes greetings and gestures, languages spoken, and national holidays.

The Department of State issues current information on areas of the world that may be hazardous for American citizens traveling abroad through its overseas office of citizens services, (202) 647-5225; computer bulletin board, (202) 647-9225; or automated fax service, (202) 647-3000.
The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) based in Atlanta, Georgia, has an international travelers' hotline for the latest information on immunization requirements, recommendations, and health conditions for countries around the world. To receive information by telephone or fax contact the CDC at (404) 332-4559.

Travel guides for regions and countries of the world can provide up-to-date information on entry requirements and documents, monetary exchanges, historical background, as well as information on restaurants and hotels.

A reliable travel agent can be a valuable source of service and information for planning a trip abroad, and most countries maintain official tourist information bureaus in major cities such as New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. These offices are often excellent sources of free printed matter—brochures, maps, posters, etc. Many countries also have similar information available on the Internet. Refer to the section on Internet Sources for Countries of the World (p. 6) of this report for further details.

TREATIES

*Treaties in Force* (Washington, GPO), compiled annually by the Department of State, provides information on treaties and other international agreements entered into by the United States and recorded by the Department of State as being in force as of January 1 of each year.

WORKING AND STUDYING ABROAD

*Academic Year Abroad* and *Vacation Study Abroad* (New York, Institute of International Education) are annual publications of the Institute of International Education (IIE), the largest U.S. higher education exchange agency. Both provide details on international education and work opportunities by regions of the world. Recent statistics on study and work abroad are listed in the appendix, along with an alphabetical list of sponsoring institutions.

*How To Find an Overseas Job With the U.S. Government: A Complete and Comprehensive Guide* (Oakton, VA, Cantrell Corporation). Published intermittently, it provides a comprehensive agency-by-agency guide to international federal government positions abroad, including position descriptions and minimum qualifications.

*World of Learning* (London, Europa), is an annual publication that lists the addresses and telephone numbers of colleges, universities, research institutions and libraries, alphabetically by country. It also briefly describes selected international educational organizations.

INTERNET SOURCES FOR COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD

Information on foreign countries is available electronically on the Internet. These sources can be accessed using various tools. The most popular of these search tools is
the World Wide Web (WWW), which uses hypertext links that allow a user to jump from one document to another with the appropriate software (Netscape, MOSAIC, Netcruiser, InternetWorks, Lynx, MacWeb, etc.). To browse the WWW on a specific topic or country, a search engine is used.

SEARCH ENGINES

Internet search engines (Excite, Infoseek, Lycos, Magellan, Webcrawler, Yahoo!, etc.) scan the WWW for Web sites on a topic. It then indexes and creates databases for each entry. Below are examples of search engines for general country information.

• Excite Net Directory (click on Travel) at:
  http://www.excite.com/

• Infoseek Guide: Travel (click on Travel) at:
  http://www.infoseek.com/

• LookSmart - Travel & Vacations: Country Destinations at:
  http://www.looksmart.com/r?l2p&e72887

• Lycos - Travel Guide at:
  http://www.lycos.com/travel/

• Lycos - World at:
  http://a2z.lycos.com/The_World/

• Magellan - Regional: Travel, Countries, Cities (click on Regional) at:
  http://www.mckinley.com/

• Webcrawler - Travel: Regions & Country Guides at:
  http://webcrawler.com/select/trav.new.html

• Yahoo! - Regional: Countries at:
  http://www.yahoo.com/Regional_Information/Countries

• Yahoo! - Government: Countries at:
  http://www.yahoo.com/Government/Countries

     A listing and brief description of selected Internet sites for country information using the World Wide Web follow, along with examples of a government agency home page (Department of State, p. 18) and a country page (Austria, p. 19).

FEDERAL AND RELATED AGENCIES

• Bureau of the Census International Statistical Agencies at:

It is a source of demographic, economic, and social statistics for several nations and selected international organizations such as the United Nations (U.N.) and the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO).
• **Centers for Disease Control (CDC)** Home Page at:
  http://www.cdc.gov/
This Web site provides information on the latest information related to traveler’s health and high risk disease areas worldwide at:
  http://www.cdc.gov/travel/travel.html

• **Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)** at:
  http://www.odci.gov/cia/ciahome.html
The Central Intelligence Agency World Wide Web site (CIAWEB) provides information by selected topics--What’s New, About the CIA, Public Affairs Office employment opportunities, links to intelligence communities, and publications such as the *1996 World Fact Book* and *Fact Book on Intelligence* at:

• **Department of Commerce** Home Page at:
  http://www.doc.gov/
This Web site provides commercial and non-commercial Web links on U.S. trade with other nations and information for American companies doing business overseas. This site provides a listing of the Commerce Department agencies on the Web, such as the International Trade Administration, Bureau of Export Administration, Economic and Statistics Administration at:
  http://www.doc.gov/bureaus/bustrade.htm

• **Department of State Foreign Affairs Network (DOSFAN)** at:
  http://www.state.gov
This Web site, in graphic or text version, provides current information on U.S. foreign policy, current hot topics of interest, and travel information. DOSFAN provides Internet links to related agencies and international sources. The latest publications, such as *Background Notes*, *Consular Information Sheets*, *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices*, *Patterns of Global Terrorism*, and *Travel Advisories/Travel Warnings*, are available electronically at this site. Foreign travel information is available through the *Consular Services Home Page* at: http://travel.state.gov/

• **International Trade Administration (ITA)** at:
  http://www.ita.doc.gov/
The International Trade Administration of the Department of Commerce provides background information on the ITA, and is divided into sections on business opportunities by regions and countries including a list of the *1997 Country Commercial Guides*, "hot issues," trade information, statistics, and services. The ITA also maintains a toll-free number for its Trade Information Center at 1-800-USA-TRADE. A unique ITA link **Big Emerging Markets (BEMs)** provides information on future markets of the 21st century such as China, Indonesia, Mexico, and Brazil at: http://www.stat-usa.gov/itabems.html

• **Peace Corps** at:
  http://www.peacecorps.gov/
This Web site provides background information on the Peace Corps, its volunteer programs, countries where volunteers serve, press releases, and links to other government agencies.
• United States Agency for International Development (USAID) at:
  http://www.info.usaid.gov/
This Web site is the Home Page of USAID and offers links to related government and international agencies dealing with development in the Third World. It includes background on USAID, press releases, and regional programs promoting economic growth, environmental protection, and basic health worldwide.

• United States Information Agency (USIA) Home Page at:
  http://www.usia.gov/
This Web site provides information on the agency’s foreign exchange and training programs, international broadcasting including foreign commentary on the United States, Radio Liberty/Radio Free Europe, Voice of America (VOA), international youth exchanges, and the Fulbright Program.

FOREIGN EMBASSIES

• The Electronic Embassy at:
  http://www.embassy.org/
This Web site links the staff and resources of selected embassies in Washington, D.C., to their constituencies in business, education, and commerce. This site is divided into six areas of interest: press and culture, education, commerce and trade, consular, travel and tourism, and employment. It also provides links to other sites associated with the foreign affairs community.

• The Embassy Page at:
  http://www.embpage.org/
This Web site provides links to foreign embassies in the United States and worldwide. It also maintains online copies of "Washington International", a Washington, D.C.-based magazine which profiles people and reports on recent social events in the embassy community.

INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

• Asian Pacific Economic Council (APEC) Home Page at:
  http://www.apec.org/index.html
Official Web site of the APEC secretariat. Contains current news and press releases, APEC publications, and background of its member economies, and provides contact persons, as well as links to the Manila Summit (November 1996).

• Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Home Page at:
  http://www.asean.or.id/
This Web site contains background information on ASEAN and its members: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand (the original five members), Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, and Myanmar in the areas of politics, economics, business, trade statistics, and culture. It also provides links to each country’s home page, the 5th ASEAN Summit and past Summits, official ASEAN press releases, and links to related Web sites.

• European Union (EU) at:
  http://www.chemie.fu-berlin.de/adressen/eu.html
The European Union (EU), formerly known as the European Community (EC) and the European Economic Community (EEC), was founded in 1993. There are currently 15 member nations. Included are detailed maps of each nation, a map of Europe, an electronic version of *One Europe Magazine*, and historical information on the EU and its related agencies. This Web site provides links to European sites on the Internet such as the European Commission and the EU Home Page at: http://s700.uminho.pt/ec.html

• **G-7 Summit Meetings** at:
This Web site is maintained by the University of Toronto Library and the G-7 Research Group at the University of Toronto. It provides background information on the G-7 Summit Meetings and provides links to previous G-7 Summits (Denver "Summit of the Eight," Lyons, Halifax), documents including delegations, communiques, and other official releases.

• **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** at:
  http://www.imf.org/
International Monetary Fund’s (IMF) gopher provides links to IMF staff Country Reports on economic trends in IMF member countries, IMF Working Papers, press releases, annual meetings, and general background information on the IMF. It also provides links to other international organizations, such as the Food and Agricultural Organization, United Nations, and World Bank.

• **North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)** Home Page at:
  http://www.nato.int/home.htm
This Web site provides background information on NATO including its members, related agencies, and documents. Current issues of *Nato Review* are available electronically, as well as the latest press releases and links to related Web sites.

• **Organization of American States (OAS)** Home Page at:
  http://www.oas.org/
The OAS is the world’s oldest regional organization (conceived in 1826 and OAS Charter created in 1890). This Web site provides information on the political, social, and economic issues in the region (today comprising Canada, the United States, Latin America, and the Caribbean). Information on the member states, text of speeches, and reports from the General Assembly are included (in English and Spanish).

• **Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)** at:
  http://www.oecdwash.org/ABOUT/abouto.htm
The OECD is an international organization composed of industrialized market-economy nations since 1960. This Web site is the Home Page of the OECD’s Washington Center. It provides information on its members, OECD publications, and frequently requested statistics. It also offers links to related agencies and to OECD’s Paris Headquarters Home Page (in English and French), and the OECD’s Mexico Center Home Page (Spanish).

• **Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC)** at:
  http://www.opic.gov/
Official Web site of OPIC, an independent government agency that assists and advises 140 economies around the world. Included is information on the organization, employment, publications and press releases, and Web links.

- **United Nations (U.N.)** Home Page at:  
  http://WWW.UN.ORG/  
The official Internet site for the U.N. in either graphic or text versions. An overview of the U.N. system including the U.N. Charter and member states is provided, along with U.N. conferences, 50th anniversary, and U.N. publications. This Web site also provides numerous links to U.N. organizations such as the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), U.N. Center for Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) at:  
  http://www.unsystem.org/

- **World Bank** Home Page at:  
  http://www.worldbank.org/  
This Web site provides a detailed collection of worldwide economic data, socioeconomic indicators, and links to other international organizations. Includes information on World Bank country projects, International Development Association (IDA), and international business opportunities.

- **World Trade Organization (WTO)** Home Page at:  
  http://www.wto.org/  
This official Web site of the WTO provides information on the organization, WTO publications, news releases, Internet links to U.N. and other related sites, and FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) in English, French, and Spanish.

**REGIONAL AREAS**

**Africa**

- **Country Specific Pages for Africa** at:  
Maintained by the African Studies Program at the University of Pennsylvania, it lists each African nation alphabetically and provides a country map, embassy address in the United States, background information from the CIA’s *World Factbook*, State Department *Travel Advisory*, and languages spoken. It also includes links to other online resources related to selected African nations.

**Asia and the Pacific**

- **Asia Business Connection** at:  
  http://asiabiz.com/  
Updated weekly, this site is the business resource center for Asia and the Pacific maintained by Internet Asia. Allows searching by selected country or by subject and contains links to manufacturers, business services, imports/exports, "What’s Hot in Asia," and travel information.
Australia and New Zealand

• Australian Bureau of Statistics at:
The Australian Bureau of Statistics WWW Information Service provides links to statistical information on its states and territories as well as key national indicators (social and economic), 1996 Census data, and media releases. It is updated daily and provides Web links to international statistics.

• New Zealand at:
  http://www.govt.nz/ps/min/stats/
Statistics New Zealand provides a variety of information on its land, people, economy, 1996 Census data, and international comparisons. It also offers links to other statistical sources in the Commonwealth and abroad.

Canada

• Statistics Canada at:
  http://www.statcan.ca/
Provides statistical data on health, education, foreign trade, the labor market in Canada, 1996 Census data, and selected international comparisons (in English and French). Provides links to additional Canadian government Web sites.

Europe

• Europa at:
  http://europa.eu.int/
Europa is a WWW server offering information on the EU’s policies and future agenda. Provides links to European governments on the Internet (in English and various languages, including French, German, Italian, and Spanish). Statistical information is provided by Eurostat. Eurostat is one of the Directorates-General of the EU, and its mission is to provide the EU with high-quality statistical information service (in English, French and German) at:
  http://europa.eu.int/en/comm/eurostat/

Latin America (Central and South America)

• WWW Virtual Library: Latin American Studies at:
  http://lanic.utexas.edu/las.html
Maintained by the University of Texas at Austin, this Web site is a comprehensive source of information on Latin America and the Caribbean. It allows searches by key word, country, or selected topics (military, population, etc.), and provides links to related Web sources (in English and Spanish).

Middle and Near East

• Middle Eastern Studies at:
  http://violet.berkeley.edu/~cmes/links.html
Maintained by the Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES) at the University of California at Berkeley, this Web server provides links to other universities and selected Middle East servers. This site allows searching by subject and provides related Web links to Islamic Studies, Judaism and Jewish studies, and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Texas at Austin at:
http://menic.utexas.edu/mes.html

**Russia and Eastern Europe**

- **Russian and Eastern European Studies** at:
  http://info.pitt.edu/~cjp/rees.html
Maintained by the University of Pittsburgh, the Russian and East European Studies Internet Resources on the Web (REESWeb) offers numerous links by discipline (business, language, government, politics, etc.) to national home pages in the former Soviet Union and Central Europe (in English, Russian, and other Slavic languages). It also provides links to related Web sites and archives.

**SELECTED TOPICS OF INTEREST**

- **Cities of the World** at:
  http://www.city.net/
City.Net provides a listing of world cities by region. Updated daily, it provides information on travel, entertainment, local businesses, and government services.

- **Constitutions of the World** at:
  http://www.eur.nl/iacl/const.html
Maintained by the International Association of Constitutional Law (IACL), this Web site provides a listing of selected constitutions by country (in English and other languages). It also provides information on the IACL.

- **Country Studies** at:
  http://lcweb2:8081/frd/cs/cshome.html
Produced by the Federal Research Division at the Library of Congress, this Web site contains electronic versions of the Country Studies book series. The majority of the text of the published books are included, but without tables, graphs, and other appendixes. Currently, 85 countries are available online.

- **Crime and Justice Information** at:
  http://www.ifs.univie.ac.at/~uncjin/uncjin.html
United Nations Crime and Justice Information Network (UNCIJIN) in Vienna, Austria, provides statistical information on crime prevention and criminal justice issues for numerous countries. This Web site includes links to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and the Office of International Criminal Justice.

- **Cultures of the World** at:
  http://www.worldculture.com/
The Web of Culture offers extensive information on various countries and cultures worldwide and is maintained by the American Graduate School of International
Management (aka "Thunderbird") in Arizona. It allows searching by country and by subjects such as cuisines, holidays, languages, etc.

- **Elections and Electoral Systems** at:
  
  http://www.keele.ac.uk/depts/po/election.htm

  A valuable source of information on recent or upcoming elections for a selected list of countries including the United States. This Web site provides links to government home pages, local election results, and electronic media sources.

- **Expatriates** at:
  
  http://www.travelocity.com/

  Expatriate Exchange is commercial Web site that provides free information from its newsletter and expatriates on living and working abroad. Topics such as taxes, business, and travel are included.

- **Foreign Governments** at:
  
  http://www.library.nwu.edu/govpub/idtf/foreign.html

  Maintained by the Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) of the American Library Association and Northwestern University, this Web site provides official government links worldwide and Internet links to selected international organizations.

- **Foreign Languages** at:
  
  http://www.travlang.com/languages/

  Foreign Languages for Travelers allows user to search for a particular word or phrase in any one of 50 languages available on this Web site.

- **Holidays and Events Worldwide** at:
  
  http://www.classnet.com/holidays/

  World Wide Holidays and Events provides concise information on holidays for a specific month, country, or event with links to additional holiday sources.

- **Human Rights** at:
  
  http://www.amnesty.org/

  Amnesty International on the Internet provides links to all Amnesty Home Pages by country, including Amnesty International USA. It also provides links to other human rights organizations worldwide.

- **International Area Studies** at:
  
  http://www.clark.net/pub/lschank/web/country.html

  Provides numerous links to government and non-government sources on areas of the world, international organizations such as the Red Cross, and global topics such as development, human rights, hunger, treaties, etc., and electronic publications of the CIA’s *World Fact Book* and *Foreign Affairs* magazine.

- **International Business Resources on the WWW** at:
  
  http://ciber.bus.msu.edu/busres.htm

  An exhaustive listing of companies, directories, and yellow pages on the Web with links to regional or country specific information. This Web site is maintained by the Center for International Business Education and Research at Michigan State University.
• **International Business and Economic Sources** at:
The Virtual International Business and Economic Sources (VIBES) on the Internet is maintained by the library at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Entries in VIBES include comprehensive Web links to business and economic information by country, region, and various subject areas, including industry sector (commodities), foreign exchange rates, banking, trade issues, international trade law, and intellectual property.

• **International Economics and Business Resources** at:
  http://dylee.keel.econ.ship.edu/intntl/int_home.htm
Maintained by the Grover College of Business at Shippensburg University, Internet Resources on International Economics and Business is a comprehensive source of Web sites on international business and economics. It provides links to international trade documents (NAFTA, GATT), statistics, international finance (exchange rates, balance of payments), international development, etc.

• **International (Daily) News** at:
  http://webcrawler.com/select/news.intnews.html
The Webcrawler Select Search Engine for International Daily News is a detailed source for newspapers and magazines by region (Asia, Americas, Europe, etc.). Includes titles such as *London Times*, *Irish Times*, *Jerusalem Post*, and *Die Welt*, and provides links to U.S. media sources (in English and other languages).

• **International Newspapers and Magazines** at:
The Ecola Newspapers Directory provides links to over 4500 newspapers worldwide. It also offers links to magazines (in English and other languages).

• **International Security** at:
  http://www.isn.ethz.ch/
The International Relations and Security Network (ISN) on the Internet is maintained by the Center for Security Studies and Conflict Research in Zurich, Switzerland. It is a comprehensive network for information on global security and defense issues. It allows searching by subject, region, or "What’s New" and provides links to other institutions worldwide.

• **Maps** at:
  http://www.lib.utexas.edu/Libs/PCL/Map_collection/Map_collection.html
Maintained by the Perry-Castañeda Library at the University of Texas at Austin, this Web site provides electronic copies of maps by region (Africa, Asia, Europe, etc.) and selected world cities. Also provides links for maps by country.

• **National Parliaments** at:
  http://www.soc.umn.edu/~sssmith/Parliaments.html
Maintained by a professor at the University of Minnesota, this Web site provides Web links to selected national parliaments. It is arranged alphabetically from the Australian Parliament to the United States Congress and includes additional links to electoral systems and international parliamentary institutions.

• **Political Resources on the Net** at:
Political Resources on the Net lists political sites on the Internet by country, and has links to parties, organizations, and governments worldwide. It also has a unique feature called "Political Site of the Week" focused on the political activity of one nation for a given week.

- **Refugees** at:  
The official Web site of the U.N. High Commissioner For Refugees (UNHCR) offers background on the UNHCR, map and text-based access to country-specific information about refugees, *Refugees* magazine, and related Web links.

- **Religions of the World** at:  
Facets of Religion (formerly known as Religions of the World) is a server of the WWW Virtual Library. It provides numerous links to Web sites on ancient, modern and new age religions (Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Wicca, Zoroastrianism, etc.). Also provide links to other religious Web servers.

- **Social Security in Other Countries** at:  
Maintained by the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA), this Web site provides detail on Social Security programs outside the United States and Web links to selected countries and their Social Security agencies, as well as international organizations handling Social Security issues.

- **Statistical Resources on the Web** at:  
Maintained by the University of Michigan’s Document Center, this Web site has numerous statistics on foreign economics, foreign trade, and foreign government data sources. It also provides links to U.S. government agencies, foreign governments, news sources, and related sites (in English and other languages).

- **Terrorism** at:  
The Terrorism Research Center is a non-commercial site dedicated to the study of counter-terrorism abroad and in the United States. It features links to the latest State Department’s *Patterns of Global Terrorism*, terrorist profiles, and links to the intelligence community via Terrorism-United States Information Service and Milnet: Terrorism. These Web sites feature additional links to other home pages such as the Intelligence Web (IntelWeb) Home Page.

- **Travel Guide** at:  
  [http://www.wtg-online.com/](http://www.wtg-online.com/)  
The World Travel Guide provides information on the travel industry, features a "Country of the Month," which profiles one nation’s history, politics, travel information, etc. It also offers numerous links to restaurant guides, travel law, currency converter, travel tips, and expatriate exchanges. Updated monthly.
• Travelocity at:  
  http://www.travelocity.com/  
Travelocity is powered by SABRE and offers links to MAPIT!, the Seasoned Traveler (travel essays), featured destinations, travel discounts, airline reservations, travel merchandise, and other Web links. It was voted the "Best International Travel Guide" by the 1997 World Travel Group.

• Treaties and International Agreements at:  
  http://www.tufts.edu/fletcher/multilaterals.html  
The Multilaterals Project is maintained by the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. This Web site offers selected international laws and treaties by subject and a chronological listing. It also offers links to historical foreign documents, selected treaties, and the U.N. Treaty Database.

• Work and Study Abroad at:  
  http://www.ciee.org/work/  
Work Abroad for U.S. Students is a program of the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE). This Web site provides information on summer jobs, internships, and overseas career opportunities for college students and recent graduates through the CIEE.

• Work Abroad and International Jobs at:  
  http://www.overseasjobs.com/resources/jobs.html  
International Job Search provides links to numerous Internet resources such as international job mailing lists, international recruiters (in the United States), listings of job opportunities by region and country, and links to other international career resources on the Web.

• Work Opportunities/Resources for International Jobs at:  
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The Riley Guide to Job Resources includes a section on resources for international job opportunities for selected countries including numerous Internet links.
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