

# Appendix B

## Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Science Content Areas

## Exhibit B.1: Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Life Science

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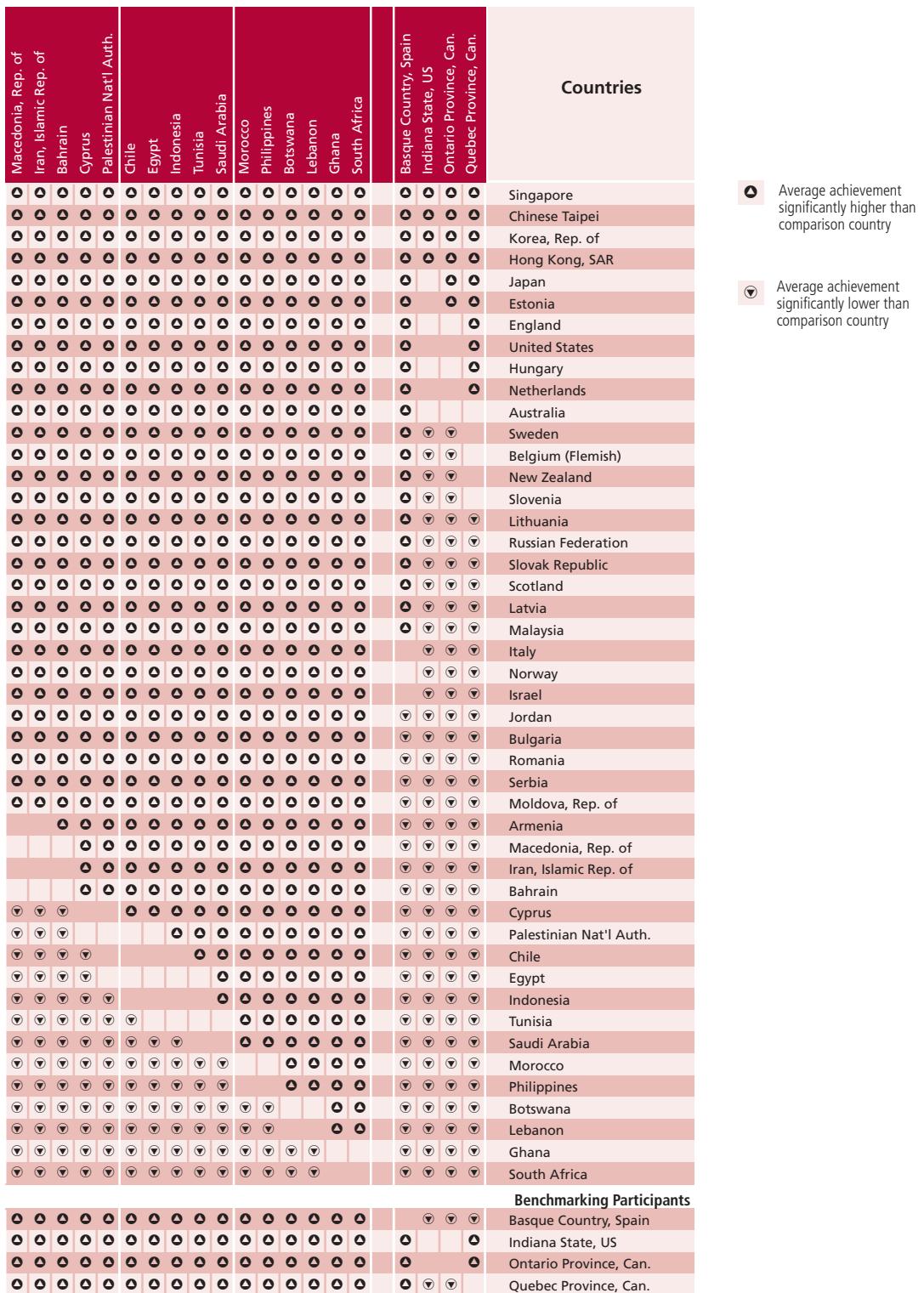
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SOURCE: IEA's Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) 2003

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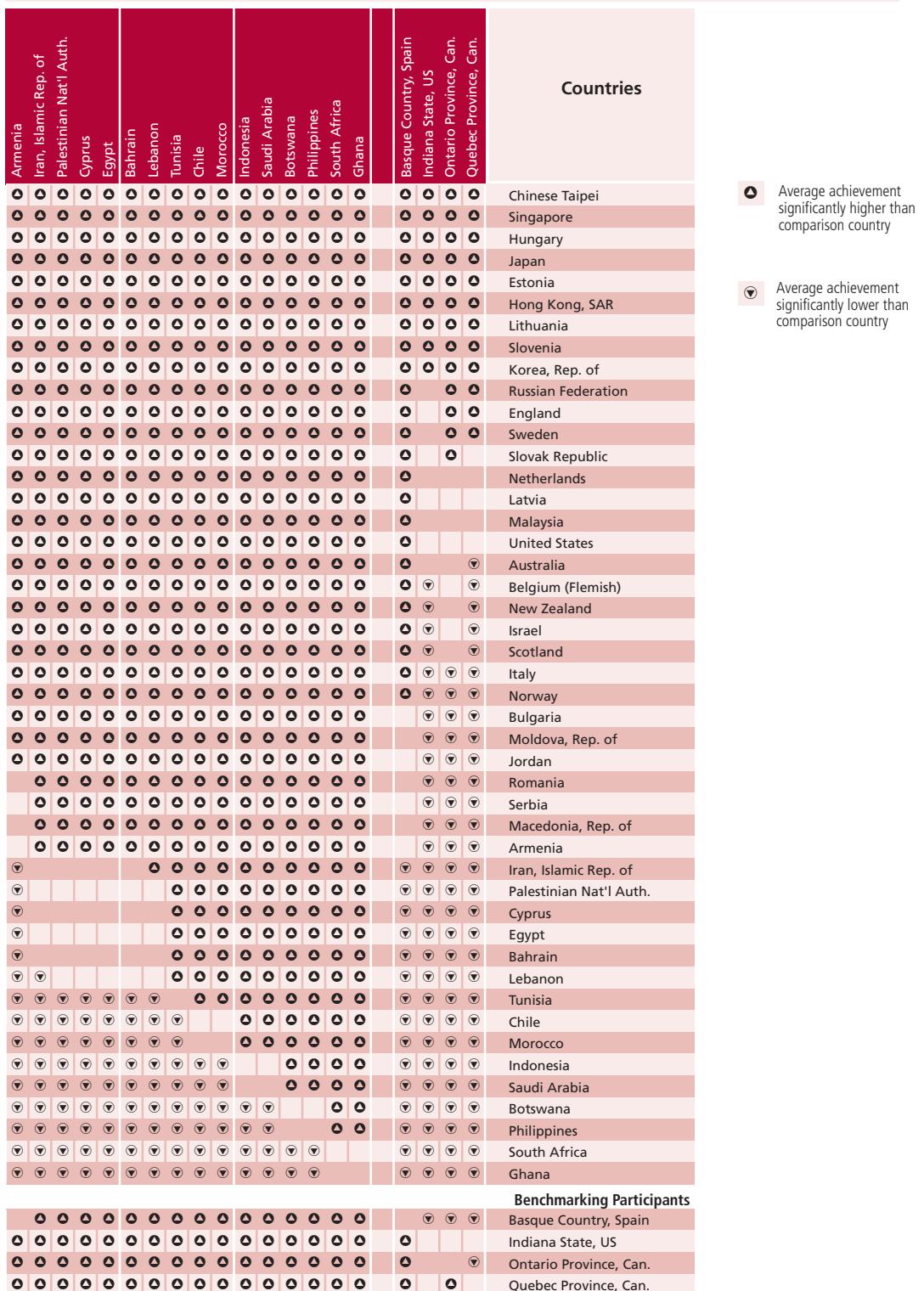
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### **Exhibit B.2: Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Chemistry**

Instructions: Read across the row for a country to compare performance with the countries listed along the top of the chart. The symbols indicate whether the average achievement of the country in the row is significantly lower than that of the comparison country, significantly higher than that of the comparison country, or if there is no statistically significant difference between the average achievement of the two countries.



Note: 5% of these comparisons would be statistically significant by chance alone.

## Exhibit B.3: Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Physics

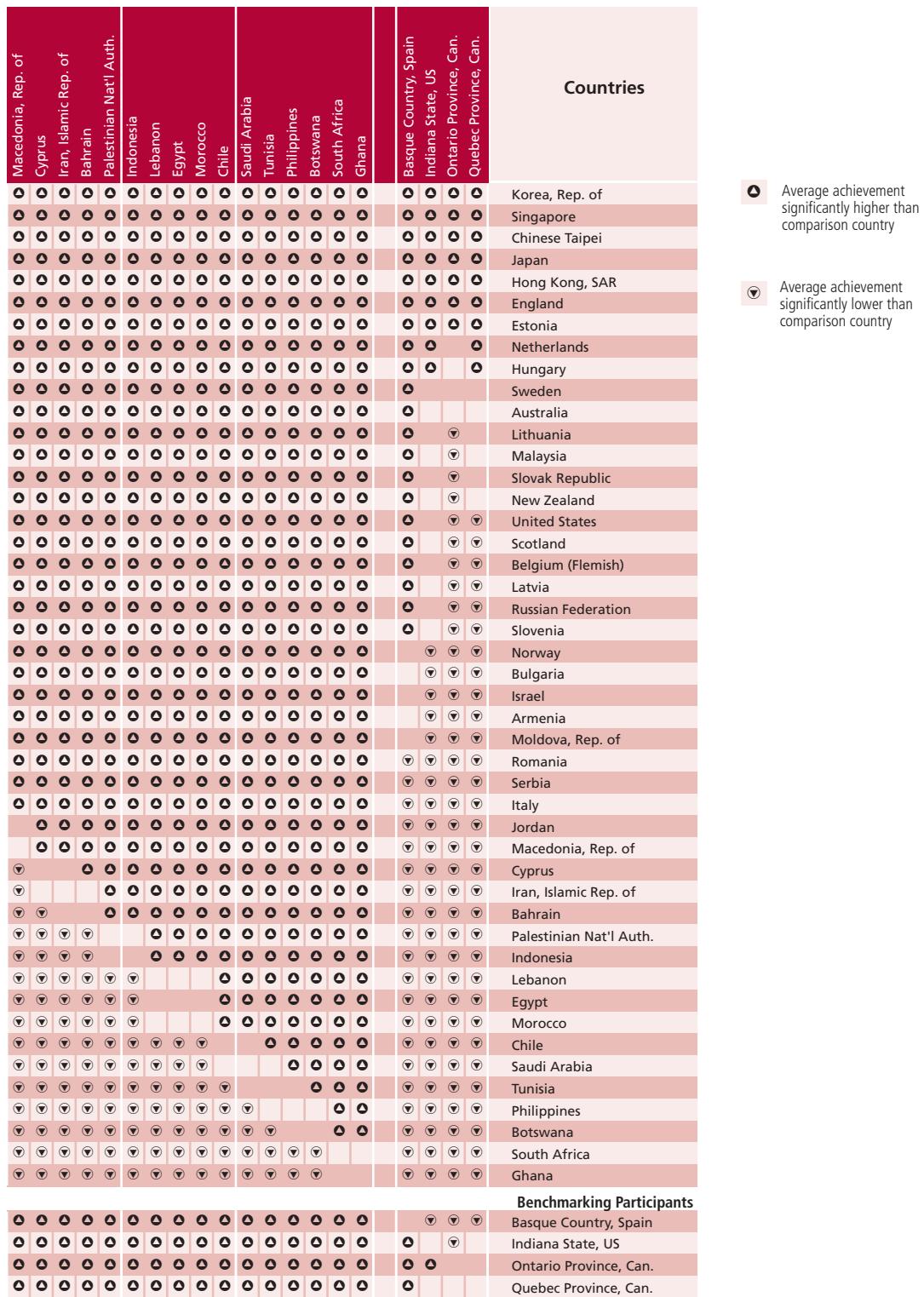
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### Exhibit B.3: Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Physics

Instructions: Read across the row for a country to compare performance with the countries listed along the top of the chart. The symbols indicate whether the average achievement of the country in the row is significantly lower than that of the comparison country, significantly higher than that of the comparison country, or if there is no statistically significant difference between the average achievement of the two countries.



Note: 5% of these comparisons would be statistically significant by chance alone.

## Exhibit B.4: Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Earth Science

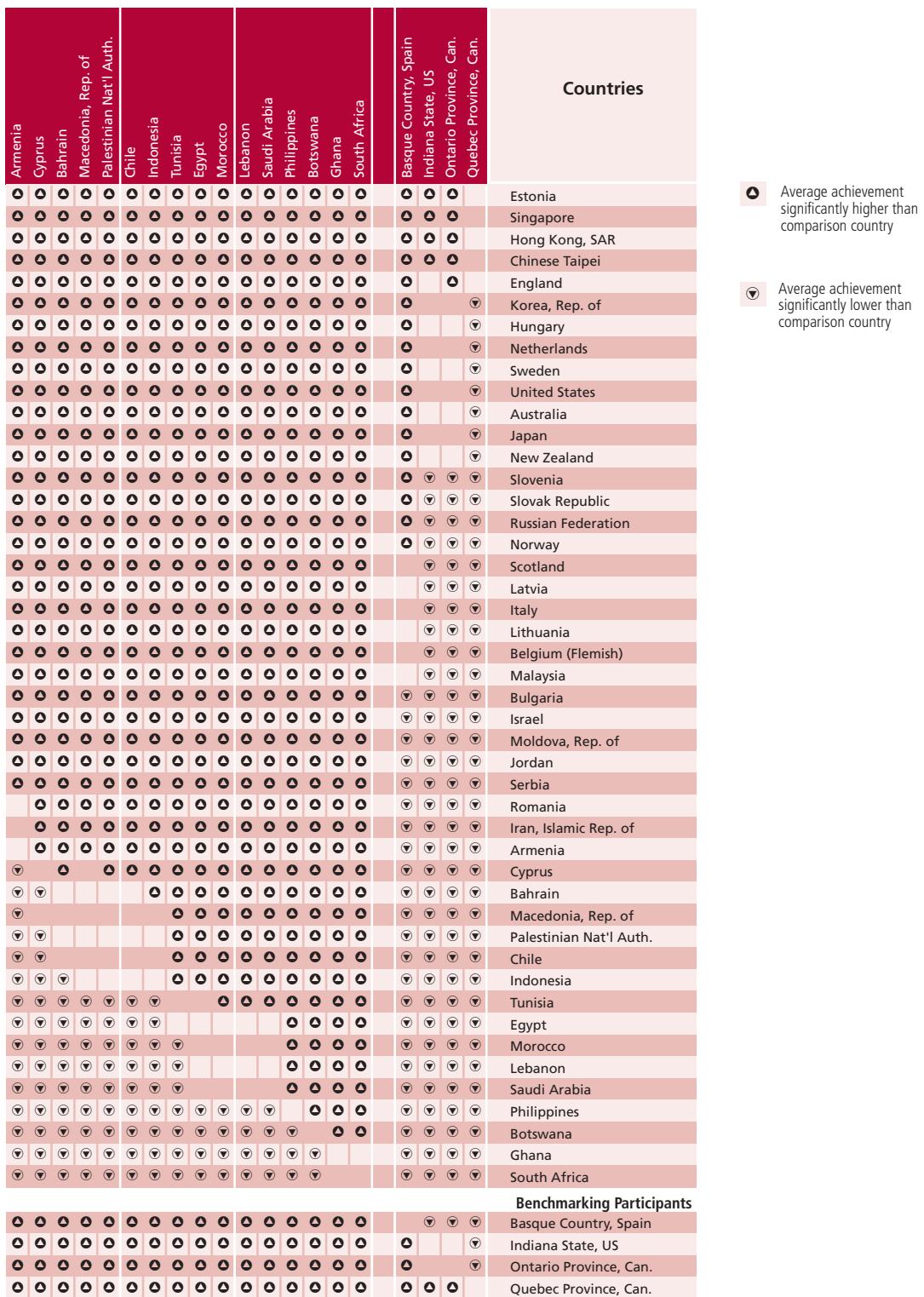
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#### Exhibit B.4: Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Earth Science

Instructions: Read across the row for a country to compare performance with the countries listed along the top of the chart. The symbols indicate whether the average achievement of the country in the row is significantly lower than that of the comparison country, significantly higher than that of the comparison country, or if there is no statistically significant difference between the average achievement of the two countries.



Note: 5% of these comparisons would be statistically significant by chance alone.

#### **Exhibit B.5: Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Environmental Science**



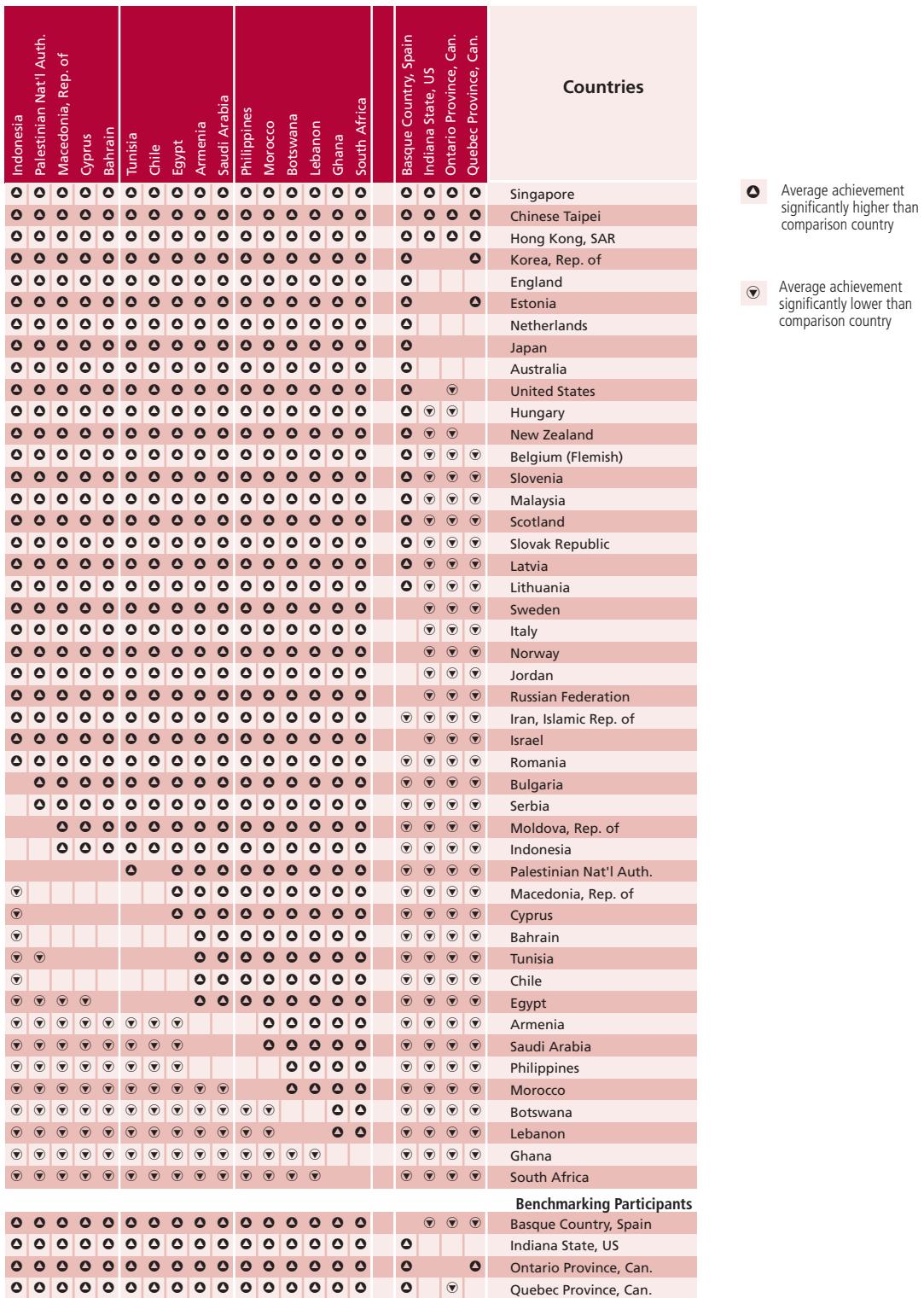
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Note: 5% of these comparisons would be statistically significant by chance alone.

**Exhibit B.5: Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Environmental Science**

Instructions: Read across the row for a country to compare performance with the countries listed along the top of the chart. The symbols indicate whether the average achievement of the country in the row is significantly lower than that of the comparison country, significantly higher than that of the comparison country, or if there is no statistically significant difference between the average achievement of the two countries.



Note: 5% of these comparisons would be statistically significant by chance alone.

## Exhibit B.6: Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Life Science

Instructions: Read across the row for a country to compare performance with the countries listed along the top of the chart. The symbols indicate whether the average achievement of the country in the row is significantly lower than that of the comparison country, significantly higher than that of the comparison country, or if there is no statistically significant difference between the average achievement of the two countries.

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▲ Average achievement significantly higher than comparison country

▼ Average achievement significantly lower than comparison country

SOURCE: IEA's Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) 2003

Note: 5% of these comparisons would be statistically significant by chance alone.

## Exhibit B.7: Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Physical Science

SCIENCE  
Grade 4

Instructions: Read across the row for a country to compare performance with the countries listed along the top of the chart. The symbols indicate whether the average achievement of the country in the row is significantly lower than that of the comparison country, significantly higher than that of the comparison country, or if there is no statistically significant difference between the average achievement of the two countries.

SOURCE: IEA's Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) 2003

Countries	Singapore	Japan	Chinese Taipei	Hong Kong, SAR	England	Latvia	United States	Russian Federation	Hungary	Australia	New Zealand	Lithuania	Italy	Belgium (Flemish)	Netherlands	Scotland	Slovenia	Moldova, Rep. of	Cyprus	Norway	Armenia	Iran, Islamic Rep. of	Philippines	Tunisia	Morocco	Indiana State, US	Ontario Province, Can.	Quebec Province, Can.					
Singapore	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲					
Japan	▼	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲					
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Latvia	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼				▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▼			
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Russian Federation	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼						▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲			
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Norway	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼							▼																					
Armenia	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼							▼																					
Iran, Islamic Rep. of	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼							▼																					
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Quebec Province, Can.	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼			

▲ Average achievement significantly higher than comparison country

▼ Average achievement significantly lower than comparison country

Note: 5% of these comparisons would be statistically significant by chance alone.

## Exhibit B.8: Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Earth Science

Instructions: Read across the row for a country to compare performance with the countries listed along the top of the chart. The symbols indicate whether the average achievement of the country in the row is significantly lower than that of the comparison country, significantly higher than that of the comparison country, or if there is no statistically significant difference between the average achievement of the two countries.

Countries	Chinese Taipei	Singapore	Hong Kong, SAR	England	United States	Japan	Latvia	Russian Federation	Hungary	New Zealand	Belgium (Flemish)	Italy	Australia	Moldova, Rep. of	Lithuania	Netherlands	Scotland	Slovenia	Cyprus	Norway	Armenia	Iran, Islamic Rep. of	Tunisia	Philippines	Morocco	Indiana State, US	Ontario Province, Can.	Quebec Province, Can.
Chinese Taipei	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Singapore	▼									▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	
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United States	▼						▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Japan	▼						▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Latvia	▼						▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
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Iran, Islamic Rep. of	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	
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