

# Appendix B

*Multiple Comparisons of Average  
Achievement in Mathematics Content  
And Cognitive Domains*

**Exhibit B.1: Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Number**
**TIMSS2007** **Mathematics** **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

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.

| Country                          | Average Scale Score | Singapore | Hong Kong SAR | Chinese Taipei | Japan | Kazakhstan | Russian Federation | Latvia | Netherlands | Lithuania | England | United States | Armenia | Germany | Hungary | Denmark | Italy | Austria | Australia | Slovak Republic | Sweden | Slovenia | Czech Republic | Scotland | Ukraine | New Zealand | Georgia | Norway | Iran, Islamic Rep. of | Algeria |   |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|-------|------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|-----------|---------|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|---------|-----------|-----------------|--------|----------|----------------|----------|---------|-------------|---------|--------|-----------------------|---------|---|
| Singapore                        | 611 (4.3)           | ▲         | ▲             | ▲              | ▲     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Hong Kong SAR                    | 606 (3.8)           | ▲         | ▲             | ▲              | ▲     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Chinese Taipei                   | 581 (1.9)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▲              | ▲     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Japan                            | 561 (2.2)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▲     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Kazakhstan                       | 556 (6.6)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▲     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Russian Federation               | 546 (4.4)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Latvia                           | 536 (2.1)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Netherlands                      | 535 (2.2)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Lithuania                        | 533 (2.3)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| England                          | 531 (3.2)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| United States                    | 524 (2.7)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Armenia                          | 522 (4.0)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Germany                          | 521 (2.2)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Hungary                          | 510 (3.7)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Denmark                          | 509 (2.9)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Italy                            | 505 (3.2)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Austria                          | 502 (2.2)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Australia                        | 496 (3.7)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Slovak Republic                  | 495 (3.9)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▼       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     |         |   |
| Sweden                           | 490 (2.5)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Slovenia                         | 485 (1.9)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Czech Republic                   | 482 (2.8)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Scotland                         | 481 (2.6)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Ukraine                          | 480 (2.9)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| New Zealand                      | 478 (2.7)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Georgia                          | 464 (3.8)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Norway                           | 461 (2.8)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of            | 398 (3.6)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Algeria                          | 391 (5.0)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Colombia                         | 360 (4.3)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Morocco                          | 353 (4.7)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Tunisia                          | 352 (4.5)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Kuwait                           | 321 (3.5)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| El Salvador                      | 317 (3.9)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Qatar                            | 292 (1.2)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Yemen                            | ++                  | +         | +             | +              | +     | +          | +                  | +      | +           | +         | +       | +             | +       | +       | +       | +       | +     | +       | +         | +               | +      | +        | +              | +        | +       | +           | +       | +      | +                     | +       | + |
| <b>Benchmarking Participants</b> |                     |           |               |                |       |            |                    |        |             |           |         |               |         |         |         |         |       |         |           |                 |        |          |                |          |         |             |         |        |                       |         |   |
| Massachusetts, US                | 571 (4.0)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▲     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Minnesota, US                    | 546 (6.2)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Quebec, Canada                   | 511 (3.0)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| British Columbia, Canada         | 493 (2.8)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Alberta, Canada                  | 489 (3.3)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Ontario, Canada                  | 489 (3.6)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Dubai, UAE                       | 444 (2.0)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲         | ▲               | ▲      | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲                     | ▲       |   |

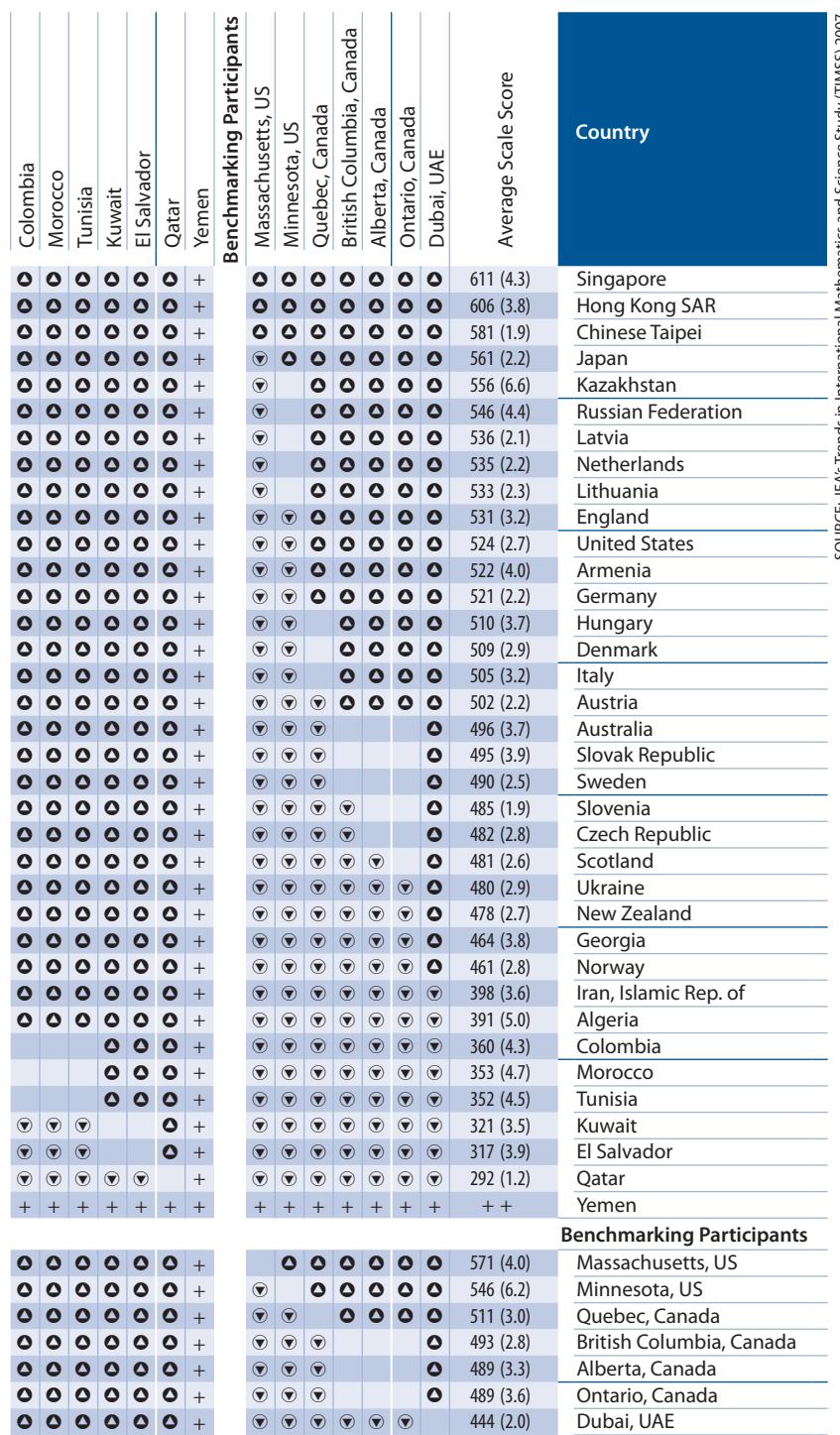
SOURCE: IEA's Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) 2007

Note: 5% of these comparisons would be statistically significant by chance alone.  
 A plus (+) sign indicates average achievement could not be accurately estimated.


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**Exhibit B.1: Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Number (Continued)**TIMSS2007  
Mathematics 4th Grade

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.



▲ Average achievement significantly higher than comparison country

▼ Average achievement significantly lower than comparison country



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**Exhibit B.2    Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Geometric Shapes and Measures**
**TIMSS2007** **4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mathematics** **Grade**

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.

| Country                          | Average Scale Score | Hong Kong SAR | Singapore | Japan | Chinese Taipei | England | Denmark | Kazakhstan | Russian Federation | Australia | Latvia | Germany | Netherlands | United States | Slovenia | Lithuania | Hungary | Italy | Austria | Sweden | Scotland | New Zealand | Slovak Republic | Czech Republic | Norway | Armenia | Ukraine | Iran, Islamic Rep. of | Georgia | Algeria |  |  |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------|-------|----------------|---------|---------|------------|--------------------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------|---------------|----------|-----------|---------|-------|---------|--------|----------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|---------|---------|-----------------------|---------|---------|--|--|
| Hong Kong SAR                    | 599 (3.1)           | ▲             | ▲         | ▲     | ▲              | ▲       | ▲       | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲           | ▲             | ▲        | ▲         | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲      | ▲        | ▲           | ▲               | ▲              | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       | ▲       |  |  |
| Singapore                        | 570 (3.6)           | ▼             |           |       |                |         |         |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Japan                            | 566 (2.2)           | ▼             |           | ▲     | ▲              | ▲       | ▲       | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲           | ▲             | ▲        | ▲         | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲      | ▲        | ▲           | ▲               | ▲              | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       | ▲       |  |  |
| Chinese Taipei                   | 556 (2.2)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▲              | ▲       |         |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| England                          | 548 (2.7)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              |         |         |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Denmark                          | 544 (2.6)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              |         |         |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Kazakhstan                       | 542 (7.4)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              |         |         |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Russian Federation               | 538 (5.1)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              |         |         |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Australia                        | 536 (3.1)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       |         |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Latvia                           | 532 (2.6)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Germany                          | 528 (2.0)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Netherlands                      | 522 (2.3)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| United States                    | 522 (2.5)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Slovenia                         | 522 (1.8)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Lithuania                        | 518 (2.4)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Hungary                          | 510 (3.3)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Italy                            | 509 (3.0)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Austria                          | 509 (2.4)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Sweden                           | 508 (2.3)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Scotland                         | 503 (2.6)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| New Zealand                      | 502 (2.3)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Slovak Republic                  | 499 (4.3)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Czech Republic                   | 494 (2.8)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Norway                           | 490 (3.0)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Armenia                          | 483 (4.7)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Ukraine                          | 457 (2.8)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of            | 429 (3.3)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Georgia                          | 415 (4.8)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Algeria                          | 383 (4.5)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Morocco                          | 365 (4.3)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Colombia                         | 361 (4.8)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Tunisia                          | 334 (4.5)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| El Salvador                      | 333 (4.3)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Kuwait                           | 316 (3.6)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Qatar                            | 296 (1.4)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Yemen                            | ++                  | +             | +         | +     | +              | +       | +       | +          | +                  | +         | +      | +       | +           | +             | +        | +         | +       | +     | +       | +      | +        | +           | +               | +              | +      | +       | +       | +                     | +       |         |  |  |
| <b>Benchmarking Participants</b> |                     |               |           |       |                |         |         |            |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Massachusetts, US                | 564 (4.1)           | ▼             |           |       |                |         |         | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲           | ▲             | ▲        | ▲         | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲      | ▲        | ▲           | ▲               | ▲              | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       | ▲       |  |  |
| Minnesota, US                    | 556 (5.3)           | ▼             | ▼         |       |                |         |         | ▲          |                    | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲           | ▲             | ▲        | ▲         | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲      | ▲        | ▲           | ▲               | ▲              | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       | ▲       |  |  |
| Ontario, Canada                  | 530 (3.0)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       | ▼          |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Quebec, Canada                   | 525 (3.2)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       | ▼          |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Alberta, Canada                  | 512 (2.9)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       | ▼          |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| British Columbia, Canada         | 510 (2.9)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       | ▼          |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |
| Dubai, UAE                       | 440 (2.8)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼       | ▼          |                    |           |        |         |             |               |          |           |         |       |         |        |          |             |                 |                |        |         |         |                       |         |         |  |  |

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Note: 5% of these comparisons would be statistically significant by chance alone.  
 A plus (+) sign indicates average achievement could not be accurately estimated.

**Exhibit B.2    Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Geometric Shapes and Measures (Continued)**
**TIMSS2007**  
**Mathematics** **4<sup>th</sup>** **Grade**

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.

| Morocco | Colombia | Tunisia | El Salvador | Kuwait | Qatar | Yemen | Benchmarking Participants | Average Scale Score | Country               |
|---------|----------|---------|-------------|--------|-------|-------|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     | Massachusetts, US         | 599 (3.1)           | Hong Kong SAR         |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     | Minnesota, US             | 570 (3.6)           | Singapore             |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     | Ontario, Canada           | 566 (2.2)           | Japan                 |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     | Quebec, Canada            | 556 (2.2)           | Chinese Taipei        |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     | Alberta, Canada           | 548 (2.7)           | England               |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     | British Columbia, Canada  | 544 (2.6)           | Denmark               |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     | Dubai, UAE                | 542 (7.4)           | Kazakhstan            |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 538 (5.1)           | Russian Federation    |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 536 (3.1)           | Australia             |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 532 (2.6)           | Latvia                |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 528 (2.0)           | Germany               |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 522 (2.3)           | Netherlands           |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 522 (2.5)           | United States         |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 522 (1.8)           | Slovenia              |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 518 (2.4)           | Lithuania             |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 510 (3.3)           | Hungary               |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 509 (3.0)           | Italy                 |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 509 (2.4)           | Austria               |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 508 (2.3)           | Sweden                |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 503 (2.6)           | Scotland              |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 502 (2.3)           | New Zealand           |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 499 (4.3)           | Slovak Republic       |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 494 (2.8)           | Czech Republic        |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 490 (3.0)           | Norway                |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 483 (4.7)           | Armenia               |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 457 (2.8)           | Ukraine               |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 429 (3.3)           | Iran, Islamic Rep. of |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 415 (4.8)           | Georgia               |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 383 (4.5)           | Algeria               |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 365 (4.3)           | Morocco               |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 361 (4.8)           | Colombia              |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 334 (4.5)           | Tunisia               |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 333 (4.3)           | El Salvador           |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 316 (3.6)           | Kuwait                |
| ▲       | ▲        | ▲       | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     |                           | 296 (1.4)           | Qatar                 |
| +       | +        | +       | +           | +      | +     | +     |                           | ++                  | Yemen                 |

| Benchmarking Participants | Average Scale Score | Country                  |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Massachusetts, US         | 564 (4.1)           | Massachusetts, US        |
| Minnesota, US             | 556 (5.3)           | Minnesota, US            |
| Ontario, Canada           | 530 (3.0)           | Ontario, Canada          |
| Quebec, Canada            | 525 (3.2)           | Quebec, Canada           |
| Alberta, Canada           | 512 (2.9)           | Alberta, Canada          |
| British Columbia, Canada  | 510 (2.9)           | British Columbia, Canada |
| Dubai, UAE                | 440 (2.8)           | Dubai, UAE               |

▲ 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) 2007

**Exhibit B.3    Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Data Display**
**TIMSS2007** **Mathematics** **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

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.

| Country                          | Average Scale Score | Hong Kong SAR | Singapore | Japan | Chinese Taipei | England | United States | Netherlands | Latvia | Australia | Germany | Lithuania | Russian Federation | Sweden | Denmark | Kazakhstan | Slovenia | Scotland | New Zealand | Austria | Italy | Hungary | Czech Republic | Slovak Republic | Norway | Ukraine | Armenia | Georgia | Iran, Islamic Rep. of | El Salvador |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------|-------|----------------|---------|---------------|-------------|--------|-----------|---------|-----------|--------------------|--------|---------|------------|----------|----------|-------------|---------|-------|---------|----------------|-----------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Hong Kong SAR                    | 585 (2.7)           | ▲             | ▲         | ▲     | ▲              | ▲       | ▲             | ▲           | ▲      | ▲         | ▲       | ▲         | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲       | ▲          | ▲        | ▲        | ▲           | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲              | ▲               | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |             |
| Singapore                        | 583 (3.2)           | ▲             | ▲         | ▲     | ▲              | ▲       | ▲             | ▲           | ▲      | ▲         | ▲       | ▲         | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲       | ▲          | ▲        | ▲        | ▲           | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲              | ▲               | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |             |
| Japan                            | 578 (2.8)           | ▲             | ▲         | ▲     | ▲              | ▲       | ▲             | ▲           | ▲      | ▲         | ▲       | ▲         | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲       | ▲          | ▲        | ▲        | ▲           | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲              | ▲               | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |             |
| Chinese Taipei                   | 567 (2.0)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▲              | ▲       | ▲             | ▲           | ▲      | ▲         | ▲       | ▲         | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲       | ▲          | ▲        | ▲        | ▲           | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲              | ▲               | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |             |
| England                          | 547 (2.5)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| United States                    | 543 (2.4)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Netherlands                      | 543 (2.3)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Latvia                           | 536 (3.0)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Australia                        | 534 (3.1)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Germany                          | 534 (3.1)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Lithuania                        | 530 (2.9)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Russian Federation               | 530 (4.9)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Sweden                           | 529 (2.7)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Denmark                          | 529 (3.4)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Kazakhstan                       | 522 (5.8)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Slovenia                         | 518 (2.5)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Scotland                         | 516 (2.2)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| New Zealand                      | 513 (2.6)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Austria                          | 508 (2.6)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Italy                            | 506 (3.4)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Hungary                          | 504 (3.5)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Czech Republic                   | 493 (3.3)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Slovak Republic                  | 492 (4.2)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Norway                           | 487 (2.6)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Ukraine                          | 462 (3.2)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Armenia                          | 458 (4.3)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Georgia                          | 414 (4.6)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of            | 400 (4.0)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| El Salvador                      | 367 (3.5)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Colombia                         | 363 (5.9)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Algeria                          | 361 (5.2)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Qatar                            | 326 (1.6)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Kuwait                           | 318 (4.7)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Morocco                          | 316 (6.1)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Tunisia                          | 307 (4.8)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Yemen                            | ++                  | +             | +         | +     | +              | +       | +             | +           | +      | +         | +       | +         | +                  | +      | +       | +          | +        | +        | +           | +       | +     | +       | +              | +               | +      | +       | +       | +       | +                     |             |
| <b>Benchmarking Participants</b> |                     |               |           |       |                |         |               |             |        |           |         |           |                    |        |         |            |          |          |             |         |       |         |                |                 |        |         |         |         |                       |             |
| Massachusetts, US                | 571 (4.0)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▲             | ▲           | ▲      | ▲         | ▲       | ▲         | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲       | ▲          | ▲        | ▲        | ▲           | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲              | ▲               | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |             |
| Minnesota, US                    | 557 (4.8)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▲             | ▲           | ▲      | ▲         | ▲       | ▲         | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲       | ▲          | ▲        | ▲        | ▲           | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲              | ▲               | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |             |
| Ontario, Canada                  | 544 (3.4)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Alberta, Canada                  | 537 (3.7)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| British Columbia, Canada         | 531 (2.8)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Quebec, Canada                   | 527 (3.6)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |
| Dubai, UAE                       | 461 (2.7)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼     | ▼              | ▼       | ▼             | ▼           | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼       | ▼          | ▼        | ▼        | ▼           | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼              | ▼               | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     |             |

SOURCE: IEA-Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) 2007

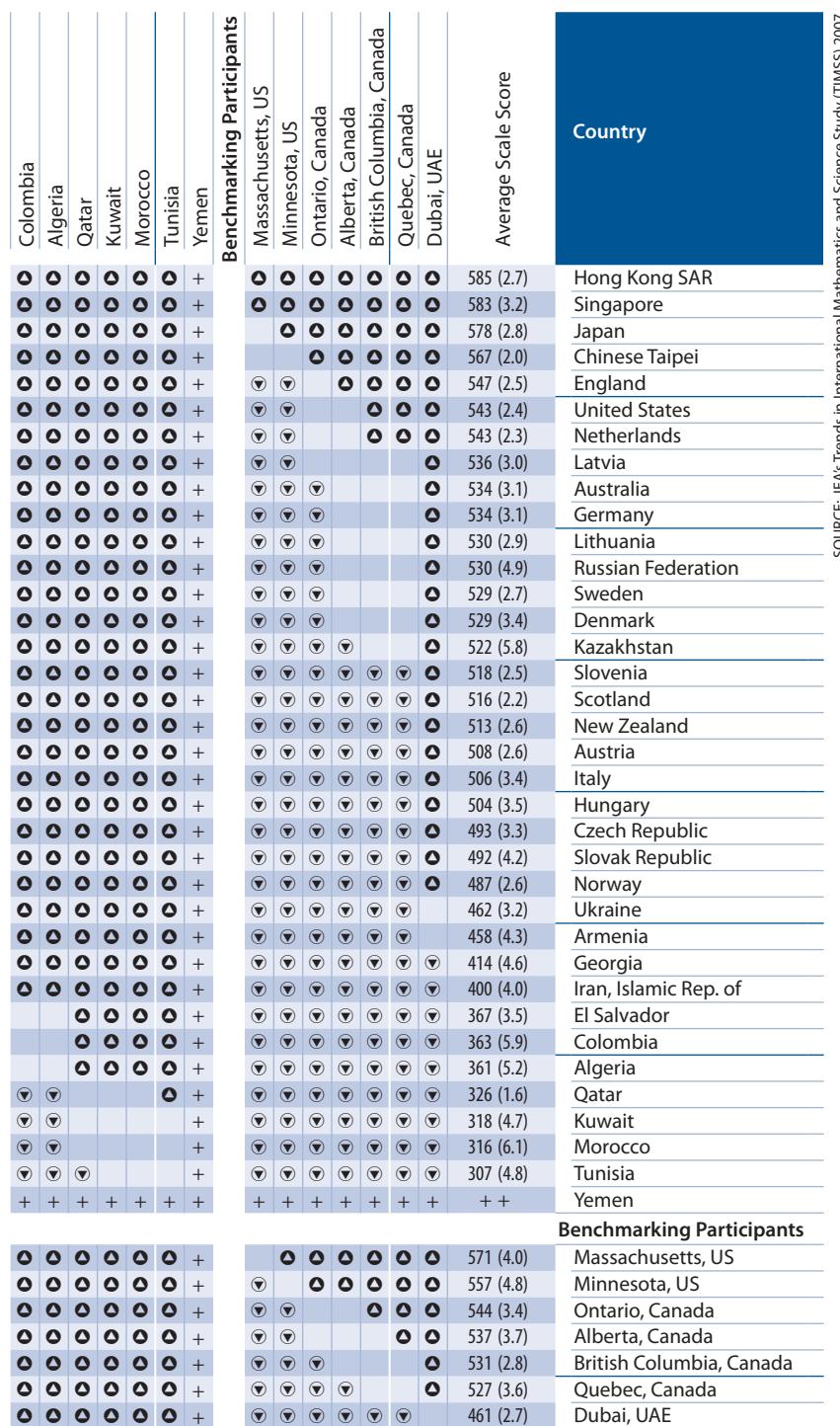
Note: 5% of these comparisons would be statistically significant by chance alone.  
 A plus (+) sign indicates average achievement could not be accurately estimated.


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### Exhibit B.3    Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Data Display (Continued)

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Mathematics **4<sup>th</sup>** Grade

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.



▲ 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) 2007



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### Exhibit B.4    Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Knowing

**TIMSS2007** **Mathematics** **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

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.

| Country                   | Average Scale Score | Singapore | Hong Kong SAR | Chinese Taipei | Japan | Kazakhstan | England | United States | Russian Federation | Latvia | Netherlands | Lithuania | Armenia | Germany | Italy | Denmark | Hungary | Australia | Austria | Slovenia | Slovak Republic | Scotland | Sweden | Czech Republic | Ukraine | Norway | Georgia | Iran, Islamic Rep. of | Algeria |   |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|-------|------------|---------|---------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|-------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|----------|-----------------|----------|--------|----------------|---------|--------|---------|-----------------------|---------|---|
| Singapore                 | 620 (4.0)           | ▲         | ▲             | ▲              | ▲     | ▲          | ▲       | ▲             | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Hong Kong SAR             | 617 (3.5)           | ▼         | ▲             | ▲              | ▲     | ▲          | ▲       | ▲             | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Chinese Taipei            | 584 (1.7)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▲              | ▲     | ▲          | ▲       | ▲             | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Japan                     | 565 (2.1)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▲     | ▲          | ▲       | ▲             | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Kazakhstan                | 559 (7.3)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▲     | ▲          | ▲       | ▲             | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| England                   | 544 (3.6)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲       | ▲             | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| United States             | 541 (2.6)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▲       | ▲             | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Russian Federation        | 538 (4.5)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▲       | ▲             | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Latvia                    | 530 (2.2)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▲             | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Netherlands               | 525 (2.2)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Lithuania                 | 520 (2.8)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Armenia                   | 518 (4.8)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Germany                   | 514 (2.0)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Italy                     | 514 (3.2)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Denmark                   | 513 (2.7)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Hungary                   | 511 (3.4)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Australia                 | 509 (4.2)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       | ▲ |
| Austria                   | 505 (2.0)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Slovenia                  | 497 (1.8)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼         | ▲       | ▲        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     |         |   |
| Slovak Republic           | 492 (3.9)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼         | ▼       | ▲        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Scotland                  | 489 (2.6)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼         | ▼       | ▼        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Sweden                    | 482 (2.5)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼         | ▼       | ▼        | ▼               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| New Zealand               | 482 (2.5)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼         | ▼       | ▼        | ▼               | ▼        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Czech Republic            | 473 (2.4)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼         | ▼       | ▼        | ▼               | ▼        | ▼      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Ukraine                   | 472 (3.0)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼         | ▼       | ▼        | ▼               | ▼        | ▼      | ▼              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Norway                    | 461 (2.9)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼         | ▼       | ▼        | ▼               | ▼        | ▼      | ▼              | ▼       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Georgia                   | 450 (4.0)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼         | ▼       | ▼        | ▼               | ▼        | ▼      | ▼              | ▼       | ▼      | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼       |   |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of     | 410 (3.6)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼         | ▼       | ▼        | ▼               | ▼        | ▼      | ▼              | ▼       | ▼      | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼       |   |
| Algeria                   | 384 (5.4)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼         | ▼       | ▼        | ▼               | ▼        | ▼      | ▼              | ▼       | ▼      | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼       |   |
| Colombia                  | 360 (5.2)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼         | ▼       | ▼        | ▼               | ▼        | ▼      | ▼              | ▼       | ▼      | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼       |   |
| Morocco                   | 354 (4.8)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼         | ▼       | ▼        | ▼               | ▼        | ▼      | ▼              | ▼       | ▼      | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼       |   |
| Tunisia                   | 343 (4.9)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼         | ▼       | ▼        | ▼               | ▼        | ▼      | ▼              | ▼       | ▼      | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼       |   |
| Kuwait                    | 326 (4.6)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼         | ▼       | ▼        | ▼               | ▼        | ▼      | ▼              | ▼       | ▼      | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼       |   |
| El Salvador               | 312 (4.1)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼         | ▼       | ▼        | ▼               | ▼        | ▼      | ▼              | ▼       | ▼      | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼       |   |
| Qatar                     | 293 (1.3)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼         | ▼       | ▼        | ▼               | ▼        | ▼      | ▼              | ▼       | ▼      | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼       |   |
| Yemen                     | ++                  | +         | +             | +              | +     | +          | +       | +             | +                  | +      | +           | +         | +       | +       | +     | +       | +       | +         | +       | +        | +               | +        | +      | +              | +       | +      | +       | +                     | +       |   |
| Benchmarking Participants |                     |           |               |                |       |            |         |               |                    |        |             |           |         |         |       |         |         |           |         |          |                 |          |        |                |         |        |         |                       |         |   |
| Massachusetts, US         | 581 (4.1)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▲              | ▲     | ▲          | ▲       | ▲             | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Minnesota, US             | 565 (6.2)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▲     | ▲          | ▲       | ▲             | ▲                  | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲        | ▲               | ▲        | ▲      | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲       |   |
| Quebec, Canada            | 517 (3.2)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼         | ▼       | ▼        | ▼               | ▼        | ▼      | ▼              | ▼       | ▼      | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼       |   |
| Ontario, Canada           | 498 (3.2)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼         | ▼       | ▼        | ▼               | ▼        | ▼      | ▼              | ▼       | ▼      | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼       |   |
| British Columbia, Canada  | 498 (2.5)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼         | ▼       | ▼        | ▼               | ▼        | ▼      | ▼              | ▼       | ▼      | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼       |   |
| Alberta, Canada           | 494 (3.1)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼         | ▼       | ▼        | ▼               | ▼        | ▼      | ▼              | ▼       | ▼      | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼       |   |
| Dubai, UAE                | 457 (2.1)           | ▼         | ▼             | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▼       | ▼             | ▼                  | ▼      | ▼           | ▼         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼         | ▼       | ▼        | ▼               | ▼        | ▼      | ▼              | ▼       | ▼      | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼       |   |

SOURCE: IEA's Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) 2007

Note: 5% of these comparisons would be statistically significant by chance alone.  
A plus (+) sign indicates average achievement could not be accurately estimated.

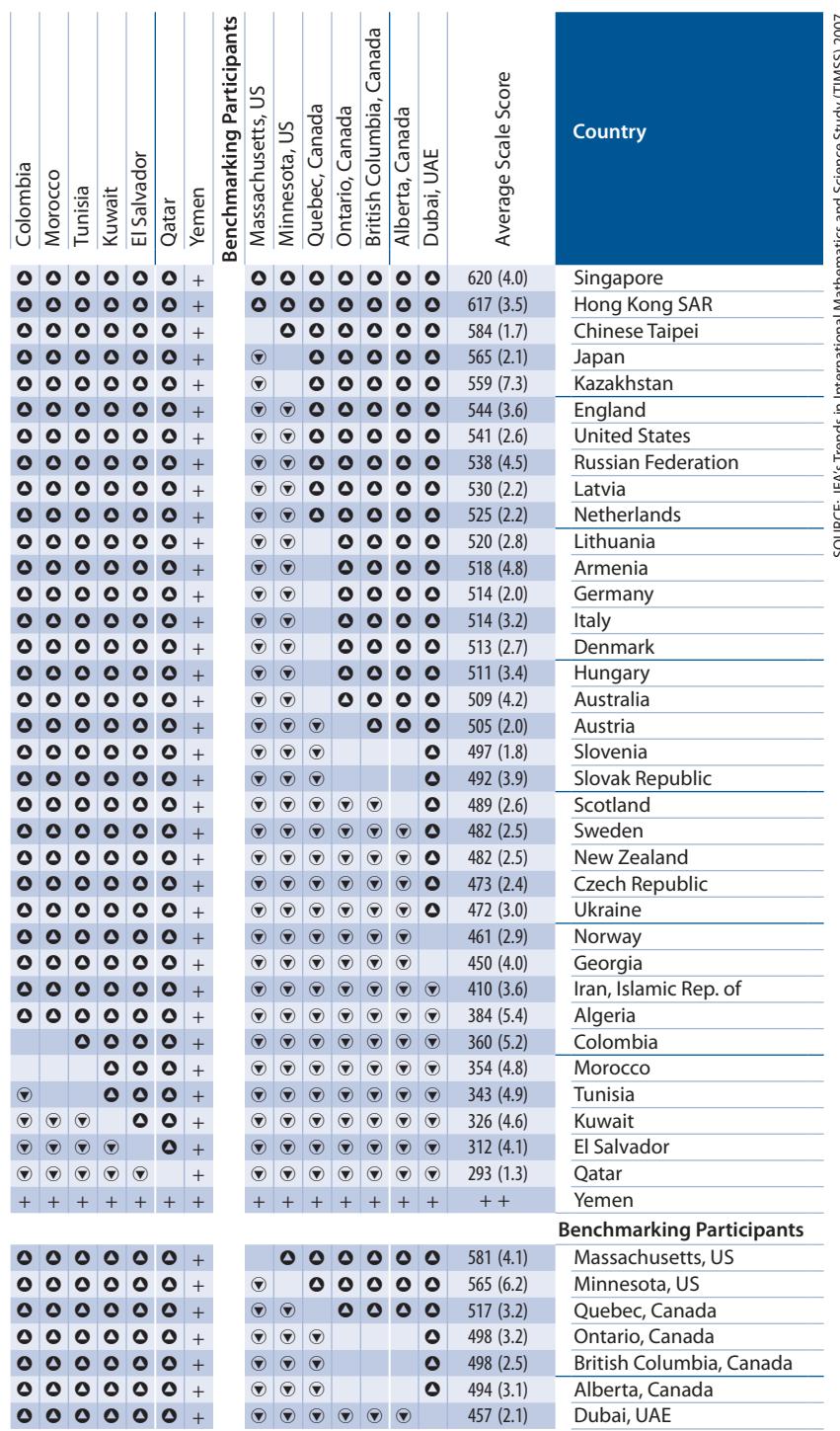


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**Exhibit B.4    Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Knowing (Continued)**

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**Mathematics** **4<sup>th</sup>** **Grade**

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.



- Average achievement significantly higher than comparison country

- ▼ Average achievement significantly lower than comparison country

### Exhibit B.5    Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Applying

**TIMSS2007** **Mathematics** **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

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.

| Country                   | Average Scale Score | Hong Kong SAR | Singapore | Chinese Taipei | Japan | Kazakhstan | Russian Federation | England | Latvia | Netherlands | Lithuania | Germany | Denmark | United States | Australia | Sweden | Hungary | Austria | Slovenia | Italy | Scotland | Slovak Republic | Czech Republic | New Zealand | Armenia | Norway | Ukraine | Georgia | Iran, Islamic Rep. of | Algeria |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|------------|--------------------|---------|--------|-------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------------|-----------|--------|---------|---------|----------|-------|----------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| Hong Kong SAR             | 599 (3.4)           | ▲             | ▲         | ▲              | ▲     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Singapore                 | 590 (3.7)           | ▼             | ▲         | ▲              | ▲     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Chinese Taipei            | 569 (1.7)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▲              | ▲     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Japan                     | 566 (2.0)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▲              | ▲     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Kazakhstan                | 547 (7.2)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Russian Federation        | 547 (4.8)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| England                   | 540 (3.1)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Latvia                    | 540 (2.5)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Netherlands               | 540 (2.0)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Lithuania                 | 539 (2.4)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Germany                   | 531 (2.2)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Denmark                   | 528 (2.5)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| United States             | 524 (2.6)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Australia                 | 523 (3.5)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Sweden                    | 508 (2.2)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Hungary                   | 507 (3.5)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Austria                   | 507 (1.8)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Slovenia                  | 504 (1.9)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Italy                     | 501 (2.9)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Scotland                  | 500 (2.4)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Slovak Republic           | 498 (4.0)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Czech Republic            | 496 (2.7)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| New Zealand               | 495 (2.3)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Armenia                   | 493 (4.1)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Norway                    | 479 (2.8)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Ukraine                   | 466 (3.1)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Georgia                   | 433 (4.5)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▲          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Benchmarking Participants |                     | 405 (3.7)     | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Massachusetts, US         |                     | 376 (5.2)     | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Minnesota, US             |                     | 357 (5.1)     | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Quebec, Canada            |                     | 346 (4.7)     | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Ontario, Canada           |                     | 339 (3.7)     | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Alberta, Canada           |                     | 329 (4.8)     | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| British Columbia, Canada  |                     | 305 (4.1)     | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
| Dubai, UAE                |                     | 296 (1.2)     | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |
|                           |                     | 441 (1.7)     | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼          | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲     | ▲        | ▲               | ▲              | ▲           | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |

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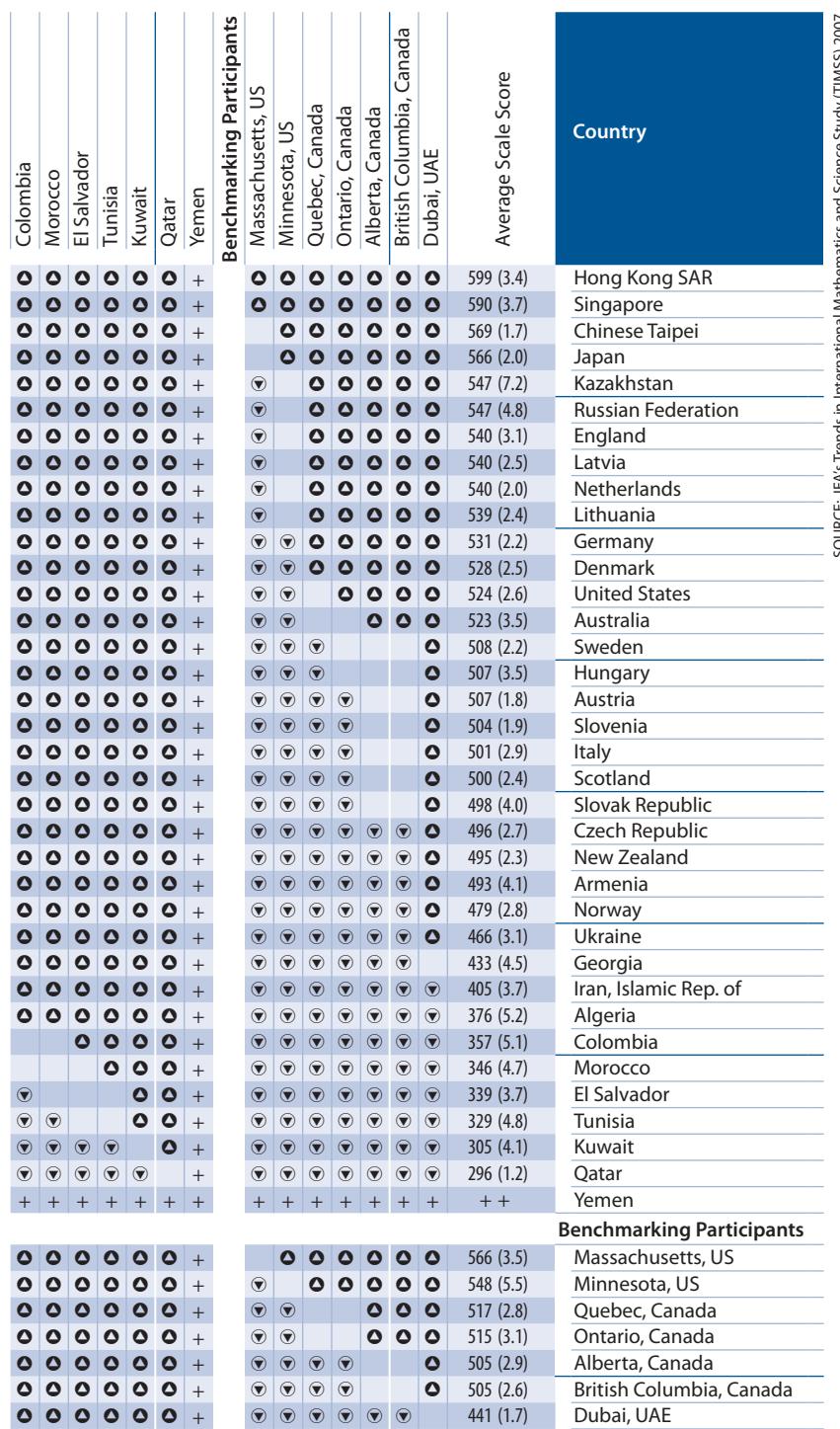
Note: 5% of these comparisons would be statistically significant by chance alone.  
A plus (+) sign indicates average achievement could not be accurately estimated.



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**Exhibit B.5    Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Applying (Continued)**
**TIMSS2007**  
**Mathematics** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

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.



▲ Average achievement significantly higher than comparison country

▼ Average achievement significantly lower than comparison country


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### Exhibit B.6 Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Reasoning

**TIMSS2007** **Mathematics** **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

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.

| Country                          | Average Scale Score | Hong Kong SAR | Singapore | Chinese Taipei | Japan | Russian Federation | Kazakhstan | England | Latvia | Netherlands | Germany | Lithuania | Denmark | United States | Sweden | Australia | Italy | Hungary | Austria | Slovenia | New Zealand | Slovak Republic | Scotland | Czech Republic | Armenia | Norway | Ukraine | Georgia | Iran, Islamic Rep. of | Algeria |  |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|--------------------|------------|---------|--------|-------------|---------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------|-----------|-------|---------|---------|----------|-------------|-----------------|----------|----------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|-----------------------|---------|--|
| Hong Kong SAR                    | 589 (3.5)           | ▲             | ▲         | ▲              | ▲     | ▲                  | ▲          | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲      | ▲         | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲           | ▲               | ▲        | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |  |
| Singapore                        | 578 (3.8)           | ▼             | ▲         | ▲              | ▲     | ▲                  | ▲          | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲      | ▲         | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲           | ▲               | ▲        | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |  |
| Chinese Taipei                   | 566 (1.9)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▲              | ▲     | ▲                  | ▲          | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲      | ▲         | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲           | ▲               | ▲        | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |  |
| Japan                            | 563 (2.1)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▲              | ▲     | ▲                  | ▲          | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲      | ▲         | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲           | ▲               | ▲        | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |  |
| Russian Federation               | 540 (4.8)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     |                    |            |         |        |             |         |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Kazakhstan                       | 539 (6.1)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     |                    |            |         |        |             |         |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| England                          | 537 (3.1)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     |                    |            |         |        |             |         |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Latvia                           | 537 (2.5)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     |                    |            |         |        |             |         |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Netherlands                      | 534 (2.4)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     |                    |            |         |        |             |         |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Germany                          | 528 (2.5)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           |         |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Lithuania                        | 526 (2.5)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Denmark                          | 524 (2.1)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| United States                    | 523 (2.2)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Sweden                           | 519 (2.5)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Australia                        | 516 (3.4)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Italy                            | 509 (3.1)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Hungary                          | 509 (3.8)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Austria                          | 506 (2.1)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Slovenia                         | 505 (2.1)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| New Zealand                      | 503 (2.8)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Slovak Republic                  | 499 (4.0)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Scotland                         | 497 (2.2)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Czech Republic                   | 493 (3.4)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Armenia                          | 489 (4.7)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Norway                           | 489 (2.7)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Ukraine                          | 474 (3.2)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Georgia                          | 437 (4.2)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of            | 410 (3.8)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Algeria                          | 387 (4.7)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Colombia                         | 372 (4.9)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| El Salvador                      | 356 (4.0)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Morocco                          | ++                  | +             | +         | +              | +     | +                  |            |         | +      | +           | +       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Tunisia                          | ++                  | +             | +         | +              | +     | +                  |            |         | +      | +           | +       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Kuwait                           | ++                  | +             | +         | +              | +     | +                  |            |         | +      | +           | +       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Qatar                            | ++                  | +             | +         | +              | +     | +                  |            |         | +      | +           | +       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Yemen                            | ++                  | +             | +         | +              | +     | +                  |            |         | +      | +           | +       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| <b>Benchmarking Participants</b> |                     |               |           |                |       |                    |            |         |        |             |         |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Massachusetts, US                | 565 (3.2)           | ▼             | ▼         |                |       | ▲                  | ▲          | ▲       | ▲      | ▲           | ▲       | ▲         | ▲       | ▲             | ▲      | ▲         | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲           | ▲               | ▲        | ▲              | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     |         |  |
| Minnesota, US                    | 543 (5.1)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         |        |             |         |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Ontario, Canada                  | 526 (2.6)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Quebec, Canada                   | 523 (3.0)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Alberta, Canada                  | 519 (3.1)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| British Columbia, Canada         | 516 (2.3)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |
| Dubai, UAE                       | 446 (2.9)           | ▼             | ▼         | ▼              | ▼     | ▼                  |            |         | ▼      | ▼           | ▼       |           |         |               |        |           |       |         |         |          |             |                 |          |                |         |        |         |         |                       |         |  |

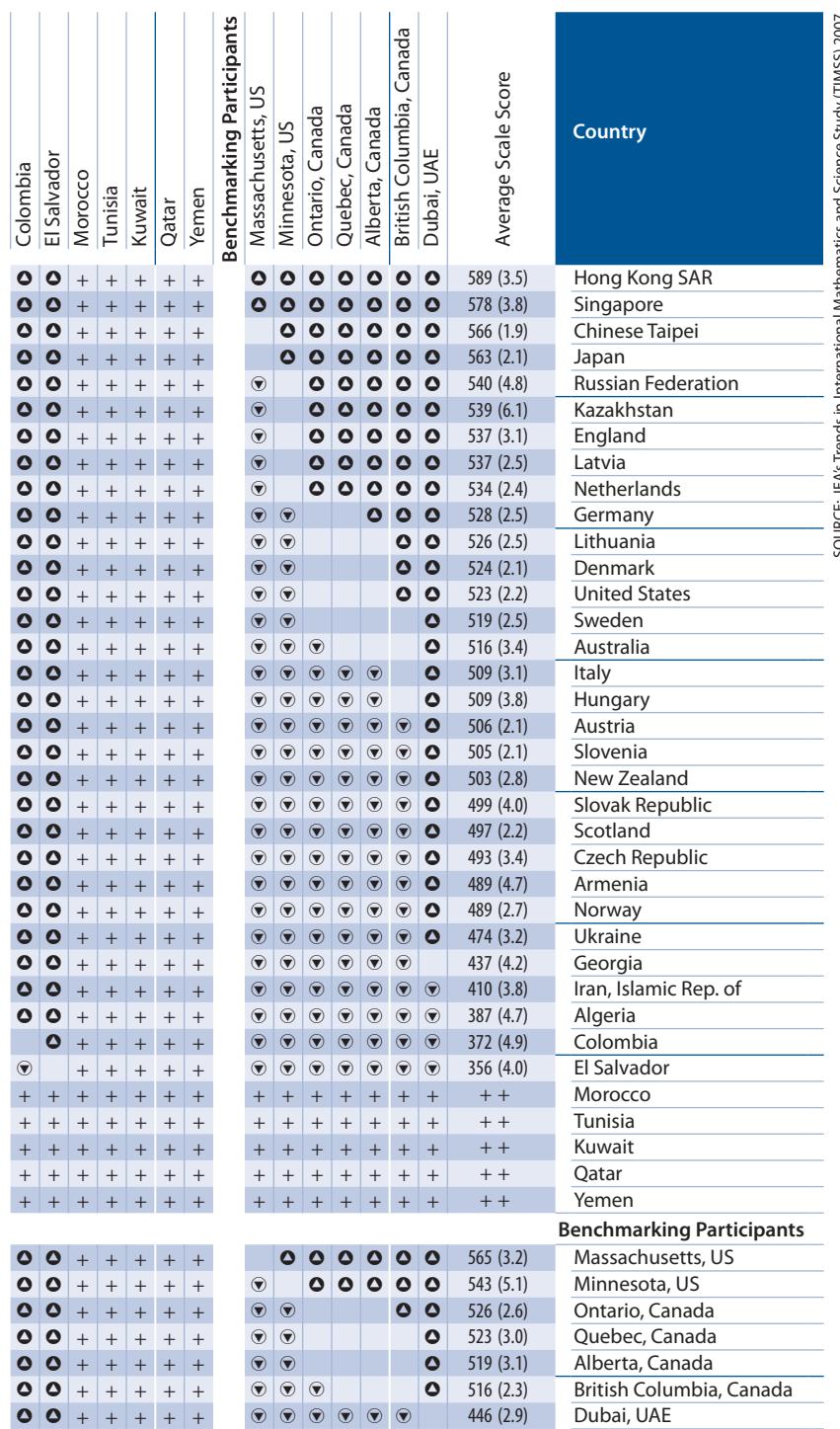
SOURCE: IEA-Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) 2007

Note: 5% of these comparisons would be statistically significant by chance alone.  
A plus (+) sign indicates average achievement could not be accurately estimated.

### Exhibit B.6    Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Reasoning (Continued)

**TIMSS2007**  
Mathematics **4<sup>th</sup>** Grade

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.



▲ 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) 2007

## **Exhibit B.7    Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Number**

**TIMSS2007** Mathematics **8<sup>th</sup>** Grade

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.7    Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Number (Continued)

**TIMSS2007**  
**Mathematics** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

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.

|   | Turkey                    | Tunisia | Georgia | Jordan | Algeria | Indonesia | Iran, Islamic Rep. of<br>Syrian Arab Republic | Egypt | Morocco | Bahrain | Colombia | Botswana | Palestinian Nat'l Auth. | Oman | El Salvador | Kuwait | Qatar | Ghana | Saudi Arabia | Benchmarking Participants | Average Scale Score | Country                 |  |
|---|---------------------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|---|-------|---------|---------|----------|----------|-------------------------|------|-------------|--------|-------|-------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|
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| ▲ | ▲                         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲         | ▲   | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲        | ▲                       | ▲    | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     | ▲            | Quebec, Canada            | 577 (4.2)           | Chinese Taipei          |  |
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| ▼ | ▼                         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼      | ▼       | ▼         | ▼   | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼        | ▼        | ▼                       | ▼    | ▼           | ▼      | ▼     | ▼     | ▼            | Quebec, Canada            | 363 (2.7)           | Oman                    |  |
| ▼ | ▼                         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼      | ▼       | ▼         | ▼   | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼        | ▼        | ▼                       | ▼    | ▼           | ▼      | ▼     | ▼     | ▼            | Ontario, Canada           | 355 (3.0)           | El Salvador             |  |
| ▼ | ▼                         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼      | ▼       | ▼         | ▼   | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼        | ▼        | ▼                       | ▼    | ▼           | ▼      | ▼     | ▼     | ▼            | British Columbia, Canada  | 347 (3.1)           | Kuwait                  |  |
| ▼ | ▼                         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼      | ▼       | ▼         | ▼   | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼        | ▼        | ▼                       | ▼    | ▼           | ▼      | ▼     | ▼     | ▼            | Massachusetts, US         | 334 (1.6)           | Qatar                   |  |
| ▼ | ▼                         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼      | ▼       | ▼         | ▼   | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼        | ▼        | ▼                       | ▼    | ▼           | ▼      | ▼     | ▼     | ▼            | Quebec, Canada            | 310 (3.9)           | Ghana                   |  |
| ▼ | ▼                         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼      | ▼       | ▼         | ▼   | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▼        | ▼        | ▼                       | ▼    | ▼           | ▼      | ▼     | ▼     | ▼            | Ontario, Canada           | 309 (3.3)           | Saudi Arabia            |  |
|   | Benchmarking Participants |         |         |        |         |           |   |       |         |         |          |          |                         |      |             |        |       |       |              |                           |                     |                         |  |
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|   | ▲                         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲         | ▲   | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲        | ▲                       | ▲    | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     | ▲            | Minnesota, US             | 537 (4.3)           |                         |  |
|   | ▼                         | ▲       | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲         | ▲   | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲        | ▲                       | ▲    | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     | ▲            | Quebec, Canada            | 534 (3.4)           |                         |  |
|   | ▼                         | ▼       | ▲       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲         | ▲   | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲        | ▲                       | ▲    | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     | ▲            | Ontario, Canada           | 525 (4.0)           |                         |  |
|   | ▼                         | ▼       | ▼       | ▲      | ▲       | ▲         | ▲   | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲        | ▲                       | ▲    | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     | ▲            | British Columbia, Canada  | 520 (3.2)           |                         |  |
|   | ▼                         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼      | ▲       | ▲         | ▲   | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲        | ▲                       | ▲    | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     | ▲            | Basque Country, Spain     | 509 (2.9)           |                         |  |
|   | ▼                         | ▼       | ▼       | ▼      | ▼       | ▲         | ▲   | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲        | ▲                       | ▲    | ▲           | ▲      | ▲     | ▲     | ▲            | Dubai, UAE                | 458 (3.2)           |                         |  |

▲ Average achievement significantly higher than comparison country

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SOURCE: IEA's Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) 2007

## **Exhibit B.8    Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Algebra**

**TIMSS2007** Mathematics **8<sup>th</sup>** Grade

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

### **Exhibit B.8    Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Algebra (Continued)**

**TIMSS2007**  
**Mathematics** **8<sup>th</sup>** **Grade**

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.

| Country                   |                          | Average Scale Score |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Benchmarking Participants |                          |                     |
| Thailand                  | Norway                   | 617 (5.4)           |
| Norway                    | Tunisia                  | 596 (3.0)           |
| Tunisia                   | Georgia                  | 579 (3.7)           |
| Georgia                   | Egypt                    | 565 (5.6)           |
| Egypt                     | Iran, Islamic Rep. of    | 559 (2.5)           |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of     | Syrian Arab Republic     | 532 (2.5)           |
| Syrian Arab Republic      | Indonesia                | 518 (4.5)           |
| Indonesia                 | Bahrain                  | 503 (3.6)           |
| Bahrain                   | Botswana                 | 501 (2.7)           |
| Botswana                  | Oman                     | 500 (3.2)           |
| Oman                      | Colombia                 | 492 (4.6)           |
| Colombia                  | Palestinian Nat'l Auth.  | 488 (2.4)           |
| Palestinian Nat'l Auth.   | Morocco                  | 484 (2.4)           |
| Morocco                   | Ghana                    | 483 (2.7)           |
| Ghana                     | Kuwait                   | 478 (4.6)           |
| Kuwait                    | Algeria                  | 476 (5.1)           |
| Algeria                   | Saudi Arabia             | 475 (3.2)           |
| Saudi Arabia              | El Salvador              | 473 (1.4)           |
| El Salvador               | Qatar                    | 471 (3.7)           |
| Qatar                     | Massachusetts, US        | 470 (3.9)           |
| Massachusetts, US         | Minnesota, US            | 468 (2.0)           |
| Minnesota, US             | Quebec, Canada           | 467 (3.7)           |
| Quebec, Canada            | Ontario, Canada          | 465 (3.2)           |
| Ontario, Canada           | British Columbia, Canada | 464 (3.9)           |
| British Columbia, Canada  | Basque Country, Spain    | 460 (3.2)           |
| Basque Country, Spain     | Dubai, UAE               | 456 (2.4)           |
| Dubai, UAE                |                          | 454 (4.3)           |
|                           |                          | 448 (4.1)           |
|                           |                          | 440 (5.1)           |
|                           |                          | 433 (5.0)           |
|                           |                          | 425 (2.8)           |
|                           |                          | 423 (2.6)           |
|                           |                          | 421 (6.6)           |
|                           |                          | 409 (3.3)           |
|                           |                          | 408 (3.9)           |
|                           |                          | 406 (3.7)           |
|                           |                          | 405 (3.5)           |
|                           |                          | 403 (1.8)           |
|                           |                          | 394 (2.2)           |
|                           |                          | 391 (3.2)           |
|                           |                          | 390 (3.1)           |
|                           |                          | 382 (3.4)           |
|                           |                          | 362 (4.0)           |
|                           |                          | 358 (3.6)           |
|                           |                          | 354 (3.0)           |
|                           |                          | 349 (2.4)           |
|                           |                          | 344 (2.8)           |
|                           |                          | 331 (3.7)           |
|                           |                          | 312 (1.5)           |
| Benchmarking Participants |                          |                     |
| Massachusetts, US         | Minnesota, US            | 538 (4.8)           |
| Minnesota, US             | Quebec, Canada           | 515 (4.7)           |
| Quebec, Canada            | Ontario, Canada          | 505 (3.3)           |
| Ontario, Canada           | British Columbia, Canada | 490 (3.7)           |
| British Columbia, Canada  | Basque Country, Spain    | 489 (3.1)           |
| Basque Country, Spain     | Dubai, UAE               | 485 (3.1)           |
| Dubai, UAE                |                          | 475 (2.4)           |

▲ Average achievement significantly higher than comparison country

- ▼ Average achievement significantly lower than comparison country

**Exhibit B.9    Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Geometry**
**TIMSS2007 8<sup>th</sup>  
Mathematics Grade**

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.

| Country                          | Average Scale Score | Chinese Taipei | Korea, Rep. of | Singapore | Japan | Hong Kong SAR | England | Russian Federation | Hungary | Lithuania | Slovenia | Czech Republic | Malta | Armenia | Italy | Australia | Serbia | Scotland | United States | Malaysia | Sweden | Bulgaria | Ukraine | Romania | Lebanon | Norway | Cyprus | Bosnia and Herzegovina | Thailand | Tunisia |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-------|---------------|---------|--------------------|---------|-----------|----------|----------------|-------|---------|-------|-----------|--------|----------|---------------|----------|--------|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|------------------------|----------|---------|
| Chinese Taipei                   | 592 (4.6)           |                | ▲              | ▲         | ▲     | ▲             | ▲       | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲         | ▲        | ▲              | ▲     | ▲       | ▲     | ▲         | ▲      | ▲        | ▲             | ▲        | ▲      | ▲        | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲      | ▲      | ▲                      | ▲        | ▲       |
| Korea, Rep. of                   | 587 (2.3)           |                | ▲              | ▲         | ▲     | ▲             | ▲       | ▲                  | ▲       | ▲         | ▲        | ▲              | ▲     | ▲       | ▲     | ▲         | ▲      | ▲        | ▲             | ▲        | ▲      | ▲        | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲      | ▲      | ▲                      | ▲        | ▲       |
| Singapore                        | 578 (3.4)           | ▼              | ▼              |           |       |               |         |                    |         |           |          |                |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Japan                            | 573 (2.2)           | ▼              | ▼              |           |       |               |         |                    |         |           |          |                |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Hong Kong SAR                    | 570 (5.5)           | ▼              | ▼              |           |       |               |         |                    |         |           |          |                |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| England                          | 510 (4.4)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       |                    |         |           |          |                |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Russian Federation               | 510 (4.1)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       |                    |         |           |          |                |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Hungary                          | 508 (3.6)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       |                    |         |           |          |                |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Lithuania                        | 507 (2.6)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       |                    |         |           |          |                |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Slovenia                         | 499 (2.4)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Czech Republic                   | 498 (2.7)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Malta                            | 495 (1.1)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Armenia                          | 493 (4.1)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Italy                            | 490 (3.1)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Australia                        | 487 (3.6)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Serbia                           | 486 (3.6)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Scotland                         | 485 (3.9)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| United States                    | 480 (2.5)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Malaysia                         | 477 (5.6)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Sweden                           | 472 (2.5)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Bulgaria                         | 468 (5.0)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Ukraine                          | 467 (3.6)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Romania                          | 466 (4.0)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Lebanon                          | 462 (4.0)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Norway                           | 459 (2.3)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Cyprus                           | 458 (2.7)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina           | 451 (3.5)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Thailand                         | 442 (5.3)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Tunisia                          | 437 (2.6)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Israel                           | 436 (4.3)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Jordan                           | 436 (3.9)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Algeria                          | 432 (2.1)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of            | 423 (4.4)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Syrian Arab Republic             | 417 (3.4)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Bahrain                          | 412 (2.1)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Turkey                           | 411 (5.1)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Georgia                          | 409 (6.7)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Egypt                            | 406 (3.4)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Morocco                          | 396 (3.6)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Indonesia                        | 395 (4.5)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Palestinian Nat'l Auth.          | 388 (3.8)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Oman                             | 387 (3.0)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Kuwait                           | 385 (2.8)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Colombia                         | 371 (3.3)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Saudi Arabia                     | 359 (2.6)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Botswana                         | 325 (3.2)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| El Salvador                      | 318 (3.7)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Qatar                            | 301 (1.8)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Ghana                            | 275 (4.9)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| <b>Benchmarking Participants</b> |                     |                |                |           |       |               |         |                    |         |           |          |                |       |         |       |           |        |          |               |          |        |          |         |         |         |        |        |                        |          |         |
| Quebec, Canada                   | 523 (3.3)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              | ▲     | ▲       | ▲     | ▲         | ▲      | ▲        | ▲             | ▲        | ▲      | ▲        | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲      | ▲      | ▲                      | ▲        | ▲       |
| Massachusetts, US                | 519 (4.3)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              | ▲     | ▲       | ▲     | ▲         | ▲      | ▲        | ▲             | ▲        | ▲      | ▲        | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲      | ▲      | ▲                      | ▲        | ▲       |
| Ontario, Canada                  | 508 (4.2)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              | ▲     | ▲       | ▲     | ▲         | ▲      | ▲        | ▲             | ▲        | ▲      | ▲        | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲      | ▲      | ▲                      | ▲        | ▲       |
| Minnesota, US                    | 505 (4.4)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              | ▲     | ▲       | ▲     | ▲         | ▲      | ▲        | ▲             | ▲        | ▲      | ▲        | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲      | ▲      | ▲                      | ▲        | ▲       |
| British Columbia, Canada         | 487 (3.7)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              | ▲     | ▲       | ▲     | ▲         | ▲      | ▲        | ▲             | ▲        | ▲      | ▲        | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲      | ▲      | ▲                      | ▲        | ▲       |
| Basque Country, Spain            | 476 (3.7)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              | ▲     | ▲       | ▲     | ▲         | ▲      | ▲        | ▲             | ▲        | ▲      | ▲        | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲      | ▲      | ▲                      | ▲        | ▲       |
| Dubai, UAE                       | 451 (3.4)           | ▼              | ▼              | ▼         | ▼     | ▼             | ▼       | ▼                  | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              | ▲     | ▲       | ▲     | ▲         | ▲      | ▲        | ▲             | ▲        | ▲      | ▲        | ▲       | ▲       | ▲       | ▲      | ▲      | ▲                      | ▲        | ▲       |

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



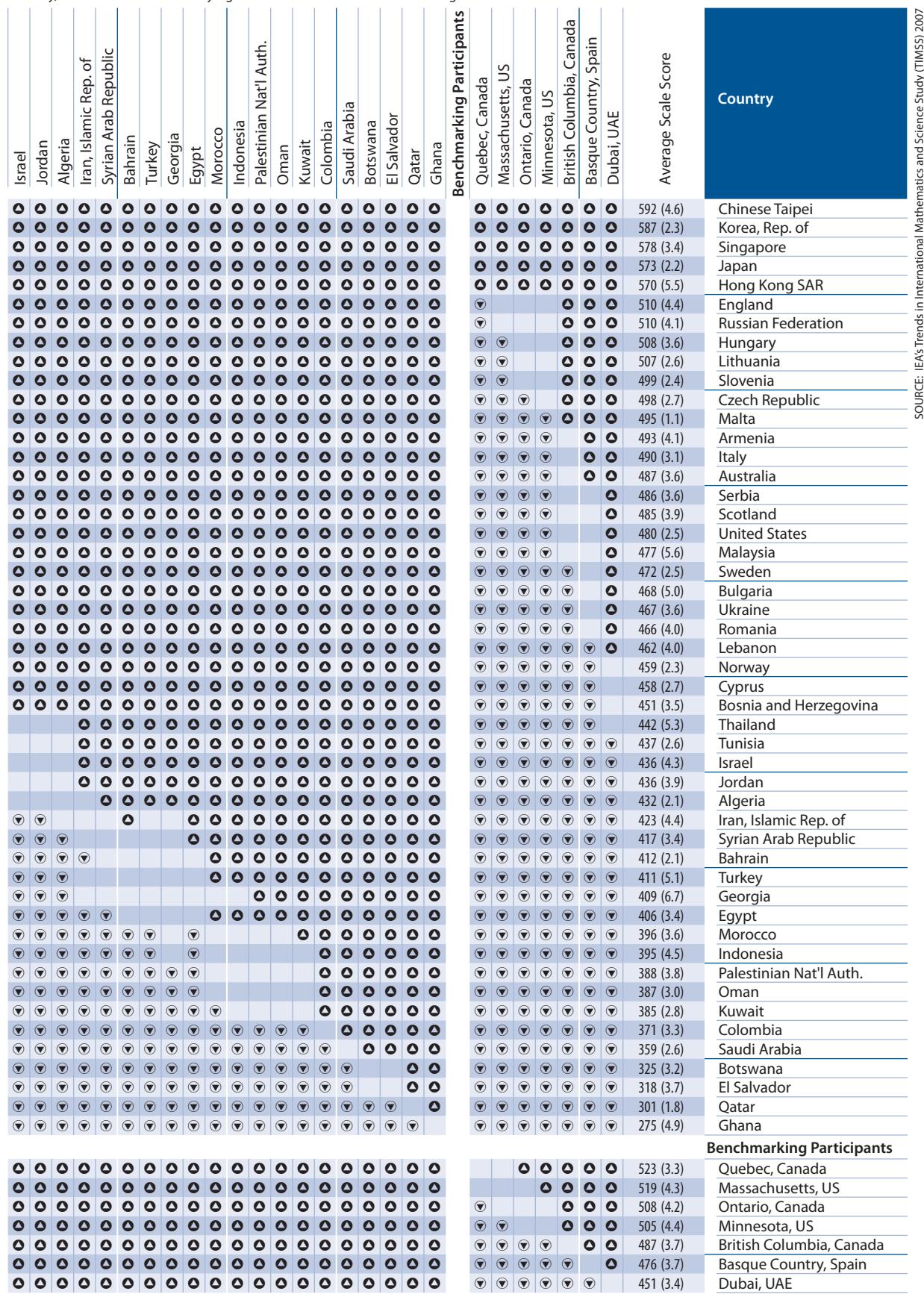
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### **Exhibit B.9    Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Geometry (Continued)**

**TIMSS2007**  
**Mathematics** **8<sup>th</sup>** **Grade**

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.



▲ Average achievement significantly higher than comparison country

- ▼ Average achievement significantly lower than comparison country

## Exhibit B.10 Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Data and Chance

TIMSS2007 8<sup>th</sup>  
Mathematics Grade

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.

| Country                          | Average Scale Score | Korea, Rep. of<br>Singapore | Japan | Chinese Taipei | Hong Kong SAR | England | United States | Sweden | Australia | Hungary | Lithuania | Scotland | Czech Republic | Slovenia | Norway | Italy | Russian Federation | Malta | Malaysia | Israel | Cyprus | Serbia | Ukraine | Thailand | Turkey | Bulgaria | Bosnia and Herzegovina | Romania | Armenia |   |  |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------|----------------|---------------|---------|---------------|--------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|----------------|----------|--------|-------|--------------------|-------|----------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|--------|----------|------------------------|---------|---------|---|--|
| Korea, Rep. of Singapore         | 580 (2.0)           | ▲                           | ▲     | ▲              | ▲             | ▲       | ▲             | ▲      | ▲         | ▲       | ▲         | ▲        | ▲              | ▲        | ▲      | ▲     | ▲                  | ▲     | ▲        | ▲      | ▲      | ▲      | ▲       | ▲        | ▲      | ▲        | ▲                      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲ |  |
| Japan                            | 574 (3.9)           | ▼                           |       |                |               |         |               |        |           |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Chinese Taipei                   | 573 (2.2)           | ▼                           |       |                |               |         |               |        |           |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Hong Kong SAR                    | 566 (3.6)           | ▼                           |       |                |               |         |               |        |           |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| England                          | 549 (4.7)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       |               |        |           |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| United States                    | 547 (5.0)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       |               |        |           |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Sweden                           | 531 (2.8)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             |        |           |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Australia                        | 526 (3.0)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             |        |           |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Hungary                          | 525 (3.2)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             |        |           |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Lithuania                        | 524 (3.3)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             |        |           |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Scotland                         | 523 (2.3)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      |           |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Czech Republic                   | 517 (3.5)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Slovenia                         | 512 (2.8)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Norway                           | 511 (2.3)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Italy                            | 505 (2.5)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Russian Federation               | 491 (3.1)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Malta                            | 487 (3.8)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Malaysia                         | 487 (1.4)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Israel                           | 469 (4.1)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Cyprus                           | 465 (4.4)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Serbia                           | 464 (1.6)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Ukraine                          | 458 (3.0)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Thailand                         | 458 (3.5)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Turkey                           | 453 (4.1)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Bulgaria                         | 445 (4.4)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina           | 440 (4.7)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Romania                          | 437 (2.3)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Armenia                          | 429 (3.7)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Jordan                           | 427 (3.9)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Bahrain                          | 425 (3.8)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of            | 418 (2.1)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Tunisia                          | 415 (3.5)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Lebanon                          | 411 (2.3)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Colombia                         | 407 (4.4)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Indonesia                        | 405 (3.8)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Oman                             | 402 (3.6)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Syrian Arab Republic             | 389 (3.0)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Egypt                            | 384 (3.1)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Botswana                         | 384 (2.6)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Georgia                          | 373 (4.3)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Algeria                          | 371 (1.7)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Morocco                          | 371 (3.4)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Palestinian Nat'l Auth.          | 371 (2.9)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Kuwait                           | 366 (3.5)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| El Salvador                      | 362 (3.0)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Saudi Arabia                     | 348 (2.2)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Ghana                            | 321 (3.6)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Qatar                            | 305 (1.6)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| <b>Benchmarking Participants</b> |                     |                             |       |                |               |         |               |        |           |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Massachusetts, US                | 569 (5.2)           | ▼                           |       |                |               |         |               |        |           |         |           |          |                |          |        |       |                    |       |          |        |        |        |         |          |        |          |                        |         |         |   |  |
| Minnesota, US                    | 560 (5.4)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              | ▼        | ▼      | ▼     | ▼                  | ▼     | ▼        | ▼      | ▼      | ▼      | ▼       | ▼        | ▼      | ▼        | ▼                      | ▼       | ▼       |   |  |
| Ontario, Canada                  | 543 (4.2)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              | ▼        | ▼      | ▼     | ▼                  | ▼     | ▼        | ▼      | ▼      | ▼      | ▼       | ▼        | ▼      | ▼        | ▼                      | ▼       | ▼       |   |  |
| Quebec, Canada                   | 533 (3.0)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              | ▼        | ▼      | ▼     | ▼                  | ▼     | ▼        | ▼      | ▼      | ▼      | ▼       | ▼        | ▼      | ▼        | ▼                      | ▼       | ▼       |   |  |
| British Columbia, Canada         | 529 (3.2)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              | ▼        | ▼      | ▼     | ▼                  | ▼     | ▼        | ▼      | ▼      | ▼      | ▼       | ▼        | ▼      | ▼        | ▼                      | ▼       | ▼       |   |  |
| Basque Country, Spain            | 504 (3.7)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              | ▼        | ▼      | ▼     | ▼                  | ▼     | ▼        | ▼      | ▼      | ▼      | ▼       | ▼        | ▼      | ▼        | ▼                      | ▼       | ▼       |   |  |
| Dubai, UAE                       | 457 (3.2)           | ▼                           | ▼     | ▼              | ▼             | ▼       | ▼             | ▼      | ▼         | ▼       | ▼         | ▼        | ▼              | ▼        | ▼      | ▼     | ▼                  | ▼     | ▼        | ▼      | ▼      | ▼      | ▼       | ▼        | ▼      | ▼        | ▼                      | ▼       | ▼       |   |  |

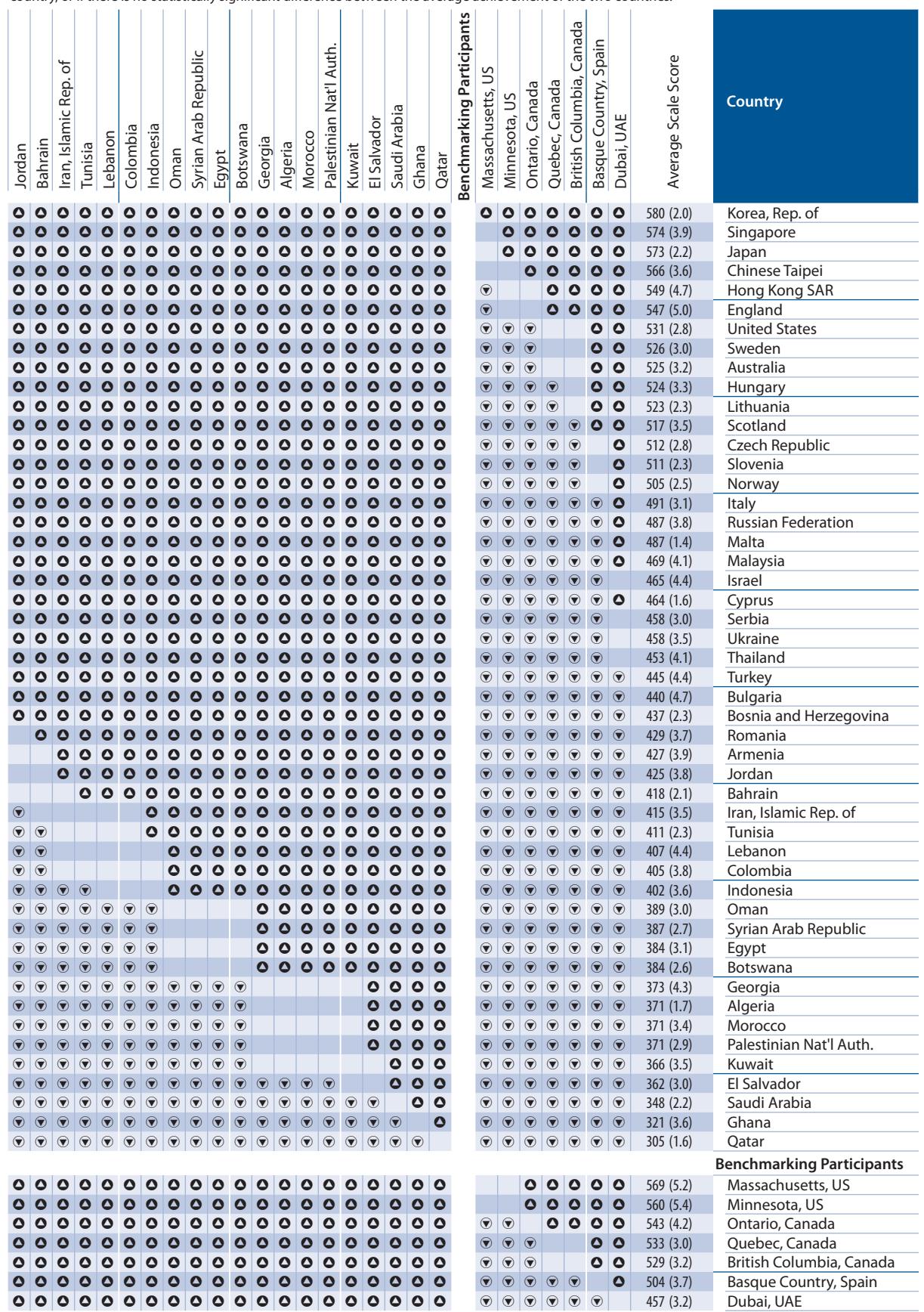
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**Exhibit B.10 Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Data and Chance (Continued)**TIMSS2007  
Mathematics 8th Grade

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.



▲ Average achievement significantly higher than comparison country

▼ Average achievement significantly lower than comparison country


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## **Exhibit B.11 Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Knowing**

**TIMSS2007** Mathematics **8<sup>th</sup>** Grade

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.

| Country                          | Average Scale Score | Benchmarking Participants        |           |               |       |                    |         |               |           |         |         |                |        |          |       |           |          |        |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-------|--------------------|---------|---------------|-----------|---------|---------|----------------|--------|----------|-------|-----------|----------|--------|------------------------|----------|----------|-------|--------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
|                                  |                     | Korea, Rep. of<br>Chinese Taipei | Singapore | Hong Kong SAR | Japan | Russian Federation | Hungary | United States | Lithuania | Armenia | England | Czech Republic | Serbia | Slovenia | Malta | Australia | Scotland | Sweden | Bosnia and Herzegovina | Bulgaria | Malaysia | Italy | Israel | Ukraine | Romania | Cyprus | Lebanon | Norway |
| Korea, Rep. of                   | 596 (2.5)           |                                  |           |               |       |                    |         |               |           |         |         |                |        |          |       |           |          |        |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Chinese Taipei                   | 594 (4.5)           |                                  |           |               |       |                    |         |               |           |         |         |                |        |          |       |           |          |        |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Singapore                        | 581 (3.4)           | ☒                                | ☒         |               |       |                    |         |               |           |         |         |                |        |          |       |           |          |        |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Hong Kong SAR                    | 574 (5.4)           | ☒                                | ☒         |               |       |                    |         |               |           |         |         |                |        |          |       |           |          |        |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Japan                            | 560 (2.2)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     |                    |         |               |           |         |         |                |        |          |       |           |          |        |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Russian Federation               | 521 (3.9)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  |         |               |           |         |         |                |        |          |       |           |          |        |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Hungary                          | 518 (3.3)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  |         |               |           |         |         |                |        |          |       |           |          |        |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| United States                    | 514 (2.6)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  |         |               |           |         |         |                |        |          |       |           |          |        |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Lithuania                        | 508 (2.5)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       |               |           |         |         |                |        |          |       |           |          |        |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Armenia                          | 507 (3.1)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             |           |         |         |                |        |          |       |           |          |        |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| England                          | 503 (4.0)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         |         |         |                |        |          |       |           |          |        |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Czech Republic                   | 502 (2.5)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       |         |                |        |          |       |           |          |        |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Serbia                           | 500 (3.2)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       |         |                |        |          |       |           |          |        |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Slovenia                         | 500 (2.2)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       |                |        |          |       |           |          |        |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Malta                            | 490 (1.6)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              |        |          |       |           |          |        |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Australia                        | 487 (3.3)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      |          |       |           |          |        |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Scotland                         | 481 (3.3)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        |       |           |          |        |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Sweden                           | 478 (2.0)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     |           |          |        |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina           | 478 (2.9)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         |          |        |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Bulgaria                         | 477 (4.7)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        |        |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Malaysia                         | 477 (4.8)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Italy                            | 476 (3.0)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Israel                           | 473 (3.7)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Ukraine                          | 471 (3.5)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Romania                          | 470 (4.2)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Cyprus                           | 468 (1.6)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Lebanon                          | 464 (3.9)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Norway                           | 458 (1.8)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Turkey                           | 439 (4.8)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Thailand                         | 436 (4.8)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Jordan                           | 432 (4.2)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Georgia                          | 427 (5.8)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Tunisia                          | 421 (2.6)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of            | 403 (4.1)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Indonesia                        | 397 (4.0)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Bahrain                          | 395 (1.7)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Syrian Arab Republic             | 393 (4.2)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Egypt                            | 392 (3.6)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Botswana                         | 376 (2.1)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Oman                             | 372 (3.5)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Algeria                          | 371 (1.9)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Palestinian Nat'l Auth.          | 365 (3.8)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Morocco                          | 365 (4.4)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Colombia                         | 364 (3.4)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Kuwait                           | 347 (3.1)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| El Salvador                      | 336 (3.1)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Ghana                            | 313 (4.6)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Saudi Arabia                     | 308 (2.6)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Qatar                            | 307 (1.4)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| <b>Benchmarking Participants</b> |                     |                                  |           |               |       |                    |         |               |           |         |         |                |        |          |       |           |          |        |                        |          |          |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Massachusetts, US                | 546 (4.5)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Minnesota, US                    | 532 (4.6)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Quebec, Canada                   | 520 (2.7)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Ontario, Canada                  | 505 (3.2)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| British Columbia, Canada         | 504 (2.9)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Basque Country, Spain            | 501 (2.9)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |
| Dubai, UAE                       | 469 (2.3)           | ☒                                | ☒         | ☒             | ☒     | ☒                  | ☒       | ☒             | ☒         | ☒       | ☒       | ☒              | ☒      | ☒        | ☒     | ☒         | ☒        | ☒      | ☒                      | ☒        | ☒        |       |        |         |         |        |         |        |

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

**Exhibit B.11 Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Knowing (Continued)**TIMSS2007  
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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.

| Thailand                  | Jordan | Georgia | Tunisia | Iran, Islamic Rep. of | Indonesia | Bahrain | Syrian Arab Republic | Egypt | Botswana | Oman | Algeria | Palestinian Nat'l Auth. | Morocco | Colombia | Kuwait | El Salvador | Ghana | Saudi Arabia | Qatar | Benchmarking Participants | Average Scale Score | Country                 |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|---------|-----------------------|-----------|---------|----------------------|-------|----------|------|---------|-------------------------|---------|----------|--------|-------------|-------|--------------|-------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| ▲                         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲         | ▲       | ▲                    | ▲     | ▲        | ▲    | ▲       | ▲                       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲      | ▲           | ▲     | ▲            | ▲     | Massachusetts, US         | 596 (2.5)           | Korea, Rep. of          |
| ▲                         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲         | ▲       | ▲                    | ▲     | ▲        | ▲    | ▲       | ▲                       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲      | ▲           | ▲     | ▲            | ▲     | Minnesota, US             | 594 (4.5)           | Chinese Taipei          |
| ▲                         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲         | ▲       | ▲                    | ▲     | ▲        | ▲    | ▲       | ▲                       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲      | ▲           | ▲     | ▲            | ▲     | Quebec, Canada            | 581 (3.4)           | Singapore               |
| ▲                         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲         | ▲       | ▲                    | ▲     | ▲        | ▲    | ▲       | ▲                       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲      | ▲           | ▲     | ▲            | ▲     | Ontario, Canada           | 574 (5.4)           | Hong Kong SAR           |
| ▲                         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲                     | ▲         | ▲       | ▲                    | ▲     | ▲        | ▲    | ▲       | ▲                       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲      | ▲           | ▲     | ▲            | ▲     | British Columbia, Canada  | 560 (2.2)           | Japan                   |
| ▼                         | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼         | ▼       | ▼                    | ▼     | ▼        | ▼    | ▼       | ▼                       | ▼       | ▼        | ▼      | ▼           | ▼     | ▼            | ▼     | Basque Country, Spain     | 521 (3.9)           | Russian Federation      |
| ▼                         | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼         | ▼       | ▼                    | ▼     | ▼        | ▼    | ▼       | ▼                       | ▼       | ▼        | ▼      | ▼           | ▼     | ▼            | ▼     | Dubai, UAE                | 518 (3.3)           | Hungary                 |
| ▼                         | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼         | ▼       | ▼                    | ▼     | ▼        | ▼    | ▼       | ▼                       | ▼       | ▼        | ▼      | ▼           | ▼     | ▼            | ▼     | United States             | 514 (2.6)           | United States           |
| ▼                         | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼         | ▼       | ▼                    | ▼     | ▼        | ▼    | ▼       | ▼                       | ▼       | ▼        | ▼      | ▼           | ▼     | ▼            | ▼     | Lithuania                 | 508 (2.5)           | Lithuania               |
| ▼                         | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼         | ▼       | ▼                    | ▼     | ▼        | ▼    | ▼       | ▼                       | ▼       | ▼        | ▼      | ▼           | ▼     | ▼            | ▼     | Armenia                   | 507 (3.1)           | Armenia                 |
| ▼                         | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼         | ▼       | ▼                    | ▼     | ▼        | ▼    | ▼       | ▼                       | ▼       | ▼        | ▼      | ▼           | ▼     | ▼            | ▼     | England                   | 503 (4.0)           | England                 |
| ▼                         | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼         | ▼       | ▼                    | ▼     | ▼        | ▼    | ▼       | ▼                       | ▼       | ▼        | ▼      | ▼           | ▼     | ▼            | ▼     | Czech Republic            | 502 (2.5)           | Czech Republic          |
| ▼                         | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼         | ▼       | ▼                    | ▼     | ▼        | ▼    | ▼       | ▼                       | ▼       | ▼        | ▼      | ▼           | ▼     | ▼            | ▼     | Serbia                    | 500 (3.2)           | Serbia                  |
| ▼                         | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼         | ▼       | ▼                    | ▼     | ▼        | ▼    | ▼       | ▼                       | ▼       | ▼        | ▼      | ▼           | ▼     | ▼            | ▼     | Slovenia                  | 500 (2.2)           | Slovenia                |
| ▼                         | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼         | ▼       | ▼                    | ▼     | ▼        | ▼    | ▼       | ▼                       | ▼       | ▼        | ▼      | ▼           | ▼     | ▼            | ▼     | Malta                     | 490 (1.6)           | Malta                   |
| ▼                         | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼         | ▼       | ▼                    | ▼     | ▼        | ▼    | ▼       | ▼                       | ▼       | ▼        | ▼      | ▼           | ▼     | ▼            | ▼     | Australia                 | 487 (3.3)           | Australia               |
| ▼                         | ▼      | ▼       | ▼       | ▼                     | ▼         | ▼       | ▼                    | ▼     | ▼        | ▼    | ▼       | ▼                       | ▼       | ▼        | ▼      | ▼           | ▼     | ▼            | ▼     | Scotland                  | 481 (3.3)           | Scotland                |
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| Benchmarking Participants |        |         |         |                       |           |         |                      |       |          |      |         |                         |         |          |        |             |       |              |       |                           |                     |                         |
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▲ Average achievement significantly higher than comparison country

▼ Average achievement significantly lower than comparison country

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## Exhibit B.12 Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Applying

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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.

| Country                          | Average Scale Score         |                |               |       |         |         |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
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|                                  | Korea, Rep. of<br>Singapore | Chinese Taipei | Hong Kong SAR | Japan | England | Hungary | Lithuania | Russian Federation | Czech Republic | Slovenia | United States | Australia | Sweden | Armenia | Malta | Scotland | Italy | Serbia | Malaysia | Norway | Cyprus | Ukraine | Romania | Bulgaria | Israel | Lebanon | Thailand | Bosnia and Herzegovina |
| Korea, Rep. of                   | 595 (2.8)                   |                |               | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲         | ▲                  | ▲              | ▲        | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲     | ▲        | ▲     | ▲      | ▲        | ▲      | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲      | ▲       | ▲        |                        |
| Singapore                        | 593 (3.6)                   |                |               | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲         | ▲                  | ▲              | ▲        | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲     | ▲        | ▲     | ▲      | ▲        | ▲      | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲      | ▲       | ▲        |                        |
| Chinese Taipei                   | 592 (4.2)                   |                |               | ▲     | ▲       | ▲       | ▲         | ▲                  | ▲              | ▲        | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲     | ▲        | ▲     | ▲      | ▲        | ▲      | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲      | ▲       | ▲        |                        |
| Hong Kong SAR                    | 569 (5.9)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     |         | ▲       | ▲         | ▲                  | ▲              | ▲        | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲     | ▲        | ▲     | ▲      | ▲        | ▲      | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲      | ▲       | ▲        |                        |
| Japan                            | 565 (2.2)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     |         | ▲       | ▲         | ▲                  | ▲              | ▲        | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲     | ▲        | ▲     | ▲      | ▲        | ▲      | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲      | ▲       | ▲        |                        |
| England                          | 514 (4.9)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Hungary                          | 513 (3.1)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Lithuania                        | 511 (2.4)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Russian Federation               | 510 (3.7)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Czech Republic                   | 504 (2.7)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Slovenia                         | 503 (2.0)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| United States                    | 503 (2.9)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Australia                        | 500 (3.4)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Sweden                           | 497 (2.0)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Armenia                          | 493 (3.8)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Malta                            | 492 (1.0)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Scotland                         | 489 (3.7)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Italy                            | 483 (2.9)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Serbia                           | 478 (3.3)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Malaysia                         | 478 (4.9)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Norway                           | 477 (2.2)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Cyprus                           | 465 (1.8)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Ukraine                          | 464 (3.5)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Romania                          | 462 (4.0)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Bulgaria                         | 458 (4.8)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Israel                           | 456 (4.1)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Lebanon                          | 448 (4.6)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Thailand                         | 446 (4.7)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina           | 446 (2.6)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Turkey                           | 425 (4.5)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Tunisia                          | 423 (2.4)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Jordan                           | 422 (4.1)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Algeria                          | 412 (2.0)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Bahrain                          | 403 (1.9)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Iran, Islamic Rep. of            | 402 (4.2)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Georgia                          | 401 (5.5)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Syrian Arab Republic             | 401 (3.4)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Indonesia                        | 398 (3.7)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Egypt                            | 393 (3.6)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Morocco                          | 389 (3.3)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Colombia                         | 384 (3.7)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Palestinian Nat'l Auth.          | 371 (3.4)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Oman                             | 368 (3.0)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Kuwait                           | 361 (2.7)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Botswana                         | 351 (2.6)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| El Salvador                      | 347 (3.3)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Saudi Arabia                     | 335 (2.3)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Qatar                            | 305 (1.4)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
| Ghana                            | 297 (4.2)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       |           |                    |                |          |               |           |        |         |       |          |       |        |          |        |        |         |         |          |        |         |          |                        |
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| Massachusetts, US                | 542 (4.4)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▲         | ▲                  | ▲              | ▲        | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲     | ▲        | ▲     | ▲      | ▲        | ▲      | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲      | ▲       |          |                        |
| Minnesota, US                    | 530 (4.8)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▲         | ▲                  | ▲              | ▲        | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲     | ▲        | ▲     | ▲      | ▲        | ▲      | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲      | ▲       |          |                        |
| Quebec, Canada                   | 529 (3.1)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▲         | ▲                  | ▲              | ▲        | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲     | ▲        | ▲     | ▲      | ▲        | ▲      | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲      | ▲       |          |                        |
| Ontario, Canada                  | 518 (3.7)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▲         | ▲                  | ▲              | ▲        | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲     | ▲        | ▲     | ▲      | ▲        | ▲      | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲      | ▲       |          |                        |
| British Columbia, Canada         | 509 (3.1)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▲         | ▲                  | ▲              | ▲        | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲     | ▲        | ▲     | ▲      | ▲        | ▲      | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲      | ▲       |          |                        |
| Basque Country, Spain            | 495 (3.0)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▲         | ▲                  | ▲              | ▲        | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲     | ▲        | ▲     | ▲      | ▲        | ▲      | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲      | ▲       |          |                        |
| Dubai, UAE                       | 456 (2.9)                   | ▼              | ▼             | ▼     | ▼       | ▼       | ▲         | ▲                  | ▲              | ▲        | ▲             | ▲         | ▲      | ▲       | ▲     | ▲        | ▲     | ▲      | ▲        | ▲      | ▲      | ▲       | ▲       | ▲        | ▲      | ▲       |          |                        |

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



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### **Exhibit B.12 Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Applying (Continued)**

**TIMSS2007**  
**Mathematics** **8<sup>th</sup>** **Grade**

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.

▲ Average achievement significantly higher than comparison country

- ▼ Average achievement significantly lower than comparison country

### **Exhibit B.13 Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Reasoning**

**TIMSS2007** Mathematics **8<sup>th</sup>** Grade

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.

A plus (+) sign indicates average achievement could not be accurately estimated.

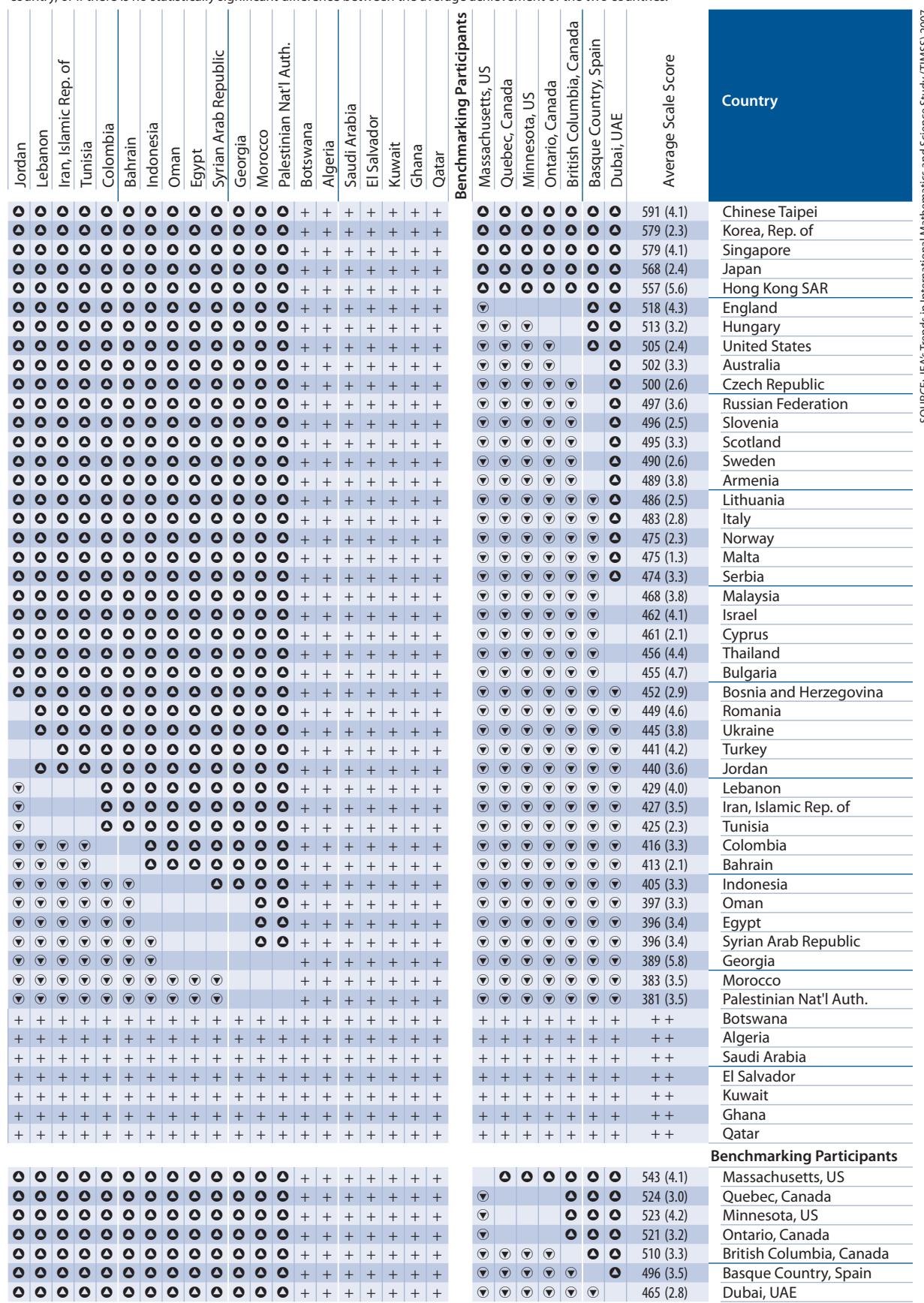


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### Exhibit B.13 Multiple Comparisons of Average Achievement in Reasoning (Continued)

**TIMSS2007**  
Mathematics 8th Grade

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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