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**Figure 8.7.**  
**Multi-lingualism among international organization officers**  
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This figure is based on the entries of the 2,050 biographees that contain information on language proficiency. In these entries 141 languages are mentioned; these 141 languages are listed in Table 4. Of these 141 languages, 57 are listed by only 1 biographee while 44 are listed by more than 4 biographees; these 44 languages are listed in Table 5.

This figure gives the number of biographees indicating a proficiency in one or more languages. For example, 554 biographees claim to be bi-lingual and 375 claim to be tri-lingual; 3 biographees profess proficiency in 10 languages, 1 in 11 languages.

It should be noted that the figures in these tables are derived from information provided by the biographees themselves; according to general policy, the editors took people at their word and made no effort to check the accuracy of the claims.

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	<b>Number of languages</b>										
	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>People</b>	1	3	7	9	14	69	145	238	380	632	689

