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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
APEC	Asia and Pacific Economic Cooperation
AU	African Union
BIT	Bilateral Investment Treaty
CSO	Civil Society Organization
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
ECOSOC	United Nations Economic and Social Council
EPZ	Export Processing Zone
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FSA	Financial Sector Assessment
G7	Group of 7
G8	Group of 8
G10	Group of 10
G77	Group of 77
GATS	General Agreement on Trade and Services
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GAVI	Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization
GDLN	Global Distance Learning Network
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GSP	Generalized System of Preferences
HIPC	Debt Initiative for Heavily Indebted Poor Countries
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
ICC	International Chamber of Commerce
ICFTU	International Confederation of Free Trade Unions
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFF	International Financing Facility
IFIs	International Financial Institutions
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ILO	International Labour Office
IOE	International Organisation of Employers
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IPRs	Intellectual Property Rights
IPU	Inter-Parliamentary Union
IT	Information Technology
ITU	International Telecommunications Union
LDCs	Least Developed Countries
MAI	Multilateral Agreement on Investment

MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
Mercosur	Southern Cone Common Market
MNEs	Multinational Enterprises
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NEPAD	New Partnership for African Development
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
NIE	Newly Industrializing Economy
ODA	Official Development Assistance
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OHCHR	Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
PRSP	Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers
R&D	Research and Development
ROSC	Review of Standards and Codes
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SCM	Subsidies and Countervailing Measures
SDRs	Special Drawing Rights
SMEs	Small and Medium-sized Enterprises
SRI	Socially Responsible Investment
TPRM	Trade Policy Review Mechanism
TRIMs	Trade-Related Investment Measures
TRIPS	Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
UN	United Nations
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNIFEM	United Nations Development Fund for Women
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
WCL	World Confederation of Labour
WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization

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