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ABBREVIATIONS

ACP  African, Caribbean, and Pacific Countries
ACWL  Advisory Center on WTO Law
ADB  African Development Bank
ADF  African Development Fund
AERC  African Economic Research Consortium
AGOA  African Growth and Opportunity Act
AMDS  AIDS Medicines and Diagnostics Service
AMS  Aggregate Measure of Support
AU  African Union
CAC  Codex Alimentarius Commission
CFC  Common Fund for Commodities
CPAR  Country Procurement Assessment Reports
CPI  Corruption Perception Index
CRS  Catholic Relief Services
DAC  Development Assistance Committee
DAC-OECD  Development Assistance Committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
DDA  Doha Development Agenda
DFID  Department for International Development (United Kingdom)
DSB  Dispute Settlement Body
DSU  Dispute Settlement Understanding
EBA  Everything But Arms
EC  European Community
List of Abbreviations

ECA  Economic Commission for Africa  
ECU  European Currency Unit  
EPAs  Economic Partnership Agreements  
EU  European Union  
FAO  Food and Agricultural Organization  
FDI  Foreign Direct Investment  
GATS  General Agreement on Trade in Services  
GATT  General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade  
GDP  Gross Domestic Product  
GPA  Agreement on Government Procurement  
GSP  Generalized System of Preferences  
HDI  Human Development Index  
HIPC  Heavily Indebted Poor Countries  
IBRD  International Bank of Reconstruction and Development  
ICAC  International Cotton Advisory Committee  
ICJ  International Court of Justice  
ICTSD  International Center for Trade and Sustainable Development  
IDA  International Development Association  
IF  Integrated Framework for Trade-Related Technical Assistance for Least-Developed Countries  
ILO  International Labor Organization  
IMF  International Monetary Fund  
ITC  International Trade Center  
ITO  International Trade Organization  
JITAP  Joint Integrated Technical Assistance Program  
LDC  Least-Developed Countries  
MDGs  Millennium Development Goals  
MFN  Most Favored Nation  
NEPAD  New Partnership for Africa’s Development  
NIH  National Institutes of Health (U.S.)  
OAU  Organization of African Unity  
ODA  Official Development Assistance
List of Abbreviations

OECD Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
PACT Program for Building African Capacity for Trade
PDI Previously Disadvantaged Individuals
PEPFAR President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (U.S.)
PhRMA Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America
PPP Purchasing Power Parity
PRSPs Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers
SADC Southern African Development Community
SDR Special Drawing Rights
SEATINI Southern and Eastern African Trade Information and Negotiations Institute
SITC Standard International Trade Classification
SONAPRA Société Nationale pour la Promotion Agricole (Benin’s state-owned National Agricultural Promotion Company)
SWAp Sector-Wide Approach
TBT Technical Barriers to Trade
TGP Transparency in Government Procurement
TRIPS Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
UNAIDS Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS
UNCITRAL United Nations Commission on International Trade Law
UNCTAD United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP United Nations Development Program
UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization
USAID U.S. Agency for International Development
USDA U.S. Department of Agriculture
WHO World Health Organization
WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization
WTO World Trade Organization
Map of Africa