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ABBREVIATIONS

ACHPR	African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights
ACJ	African Court of Justice
ACP	African, Caribbean and Pacific
ACRWC	African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child
AEC	African Economic Community
AEL	Academy of European Law
AHSG	Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU
<i>AJICL</i>	<i>African Journal of International and Comparative Law</i>
<i>AJIL</i>	<i>American Journal of International Law</i>
ANPPCAN	African Network for the Prevention and Protection against Child Abuse and Neglect
APC	African Population Commission
APRM	African Peer Review Mechanism
ASICL	African Society of International and Comparative Law
ASIL	American Society of International Law
AU	African Union
AWCPD	African Women's Committee on Peace and Development
<i>BYIL</i>	<i>British Yearbook of International Law</i>
CAR	Central African Republic
CCAR	Coordinating Committee on Assistance to Refugees
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women
CSSDCA	Conference on Security, Stability, Development and Cooperation in Africa
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights
ECJ	European Court of Justice
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council of the UN
ECOSOC	Economic, Social and Cultural Council of the AU
<i>EJIL</i>	<i>European Journal of International Law</i>

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EU	European Union
GA	General Assembly of the UN
<i>HRLJ</i>	<i>Human Rights Law Journal</i>
<i>HRQ</i>	<i>Human Rights Quarterly</i>
HSGIC	Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee
ICARA	International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
<i>ICLQ</i>	<i>International and Comparative Law Quarterly</i>
ILM	International Legal Materials
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IOM	International Organisation for Migration
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
NIEO	New International Economic Order
IPEP	International Panel of Eminent Personalities
<i>JAL</i>	<i>Journal of African Law</i>
NEPAD	New Partnership for Africa's Development
<i>NQHR</i>	<i>Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights</i>
NGOs	non-governmental organisations
OAU	Organization of African Unity
PSC	Peace and Security Council of the AU
<i>RADIC</i>	<i>African Journal of International and Comparative Law</i>
SADC	Southern African Development Community
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UNCRC	United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNHCR	United Nations High Commission for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
UNIFEM	United Nations Development Fund for Women
WILDAF	Women in Law and Development in Africa