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Abbreviations

1J4 Movimiento Revolucionario 14 de Junio (June 14

Revolutionary Movement)

AAPSO Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization
AD Acción Democrática (Democratic Action)

AJR Asociación de Jóvenes Rebeldes (Association of

Rebel Youth)

ALN Ação Libertadora Nacional (National Liberation

Action)

AP Acción Popular (Peoples' Action)

CAL Comandos Armados de Liberación (Armed

Commandos of Liberation)

CIA Central Intelligence Agency

Comecon Council for Mutual Economic Assistance

CPC Communist Party of China

CPSU Communist Party of the Soviet Union

CTAL Confederación de los Trabajadores de América

Latina (Confederation of Workers of Latin

America)

CUT Central Unitaria de Trabajadores de Chile

(Workers' United Centre of Chile)

DPRK Democratic People's Republic of Korea
DRV Democratic Republic of Vietnam

ELN can refer to: Ejército de Liberación Nacional (National

Liberation Army, Colombia)

Ejército de Liberación Nacional (National

Liberation Army, Peru)



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Ejército de Liberación Nacional (National

Liberation Army, Bolivia)

ERP Ejército Revolucionario del Pueblo (Revolutionary

People's Army)

FALN Fuerzas Armadas de Liberación Nacional (Armed

Forces of National Liberation)

FAR Fuerzas Armadas Rebeldes (Rebel Armed

Forces, FAR)

FARC Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de

Colombia (Revolutionary Armed Forces of

Colombia)

FDMC Federación Democrática de Mujeres Cubanas

(Democratic Federation of Cuban Women)

FED Federación Dominicana de Estudiantes

(Dominican Federation of Students)

FLN can refer to: Front de Liberación Nacional (National

Liberation Front, Venezuela)

Front de Libération Nationale (National

Liberation Front, Algeria)

FPO Fuerza Popular Organizada (Organized Peoples'

Force)

IUS International Union of Students
 KCNA Korean Central News Agency
 KDYL Korean Democratic Youth League
 KFTU Korean Federation of Trade Unions

KJU Korean Journalists Union KPA Korean People's Army

M-26-7 Movimiento 26 de Julio (July 26 Movement)
MAS Movimiento al Socialismo (Movement

Towards Socialism)

MIR can refer to: Movimiento de Izquierda Revolucionaria

(Revolutionary Left Movement, Peru) Movimiento de Izquierda Revolucionaria (Revolutionary Left Movement, Chile) Movimiento de Izquierda Revolucionaria

(Revolutionary Left Movement,

Venezuela)

MOEC Movimiento Obrero Estudiantil Campesino 7

de Enero (Worker-Student-Peasant Movement

January 7)



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MOIR Movimiento Obrero Independiente y

Revolucionario (Independent Revolutionary

Workers' Movement)

MPD Movimiento Popular Dominicano (Dominican

Peoples' Movement)

MR-12 Movimiento Revolucionario 12 de Abril (April 12

Revolutionary Movement)

MR-13 Movimiento Revolucionario 13 de Noviembre

(November 13 Revolutionary Movement)

(October 20 Revolutionary Movement)

MR-20 Movimiento Revolucionario 20 de Octubre

OAS Organization of American States

OLAS Organización Latinoamericana de Solidaridad

(Latin American Solidarity Organization)

OSPAAAL Organización de Solidaridad con los Pueblos de

Asia, África y América Latina

PCB can refer to: Partido Comunista Brasileiro (Brazilian

Communist Party)

Partido Comunista de Bolivia (Communist Party

of Bolivia)

PCC can refer to: Partido Comunista de Cuba (Communist Party of

Cuba)

Partido Comunista de Colombia (Communist

Party of Colombia)

PCdeC-ML Partido Comunista de Colombia – Marxista

Leninista (Communist Party of Colombia –

Marxist-Leninist)

PCdoB Partido Comunista do Brasil (Communist Party of

Brazil)

PCM Partido Comunista Mexicano (Communist Party

of Mexico)

PCP Partido Comunista Peruano (Peruvian Communist

Party)

PCV Partido Comunista de Venezuela (Communist

Party of Venezuela)

PGT Partido Guatemalteco del Trabajo (Guatemalan

Labour Party)

PLD Partido de la Liberación Dominicana (Dominican

Liberation Party)

PLO Palestinian Liberation Organization



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POLOP Organização Revolucionária Marxista - Política

Operária (Marxist Revolutionary Organization -

Workers' Politics)

POR(T) Partido Obrero Revolucionario – Trotskista

(Revolutionary Worker Party – Trotskyite)

PPP People's Progressive Party

PRD Partido Revolucionario Dominicano (Dominican

Revolutionary Party)

PRI Partido Revolucionario Institucional (Institutional

Revolutionary Party)

PRV Partido de la Revolución Venezolana (Venezuelan

Revolutionary Party)

PSC Partido Socialista Costarricense (Costa Rican

Socialist Party)

PSP can refer to: Partido Socialista Popular (Peoples' Socialist

Party, Cuba)

Partido Socialista Popular (Peoples' Socialist

Party, Dominican Republic)

PTB Partido Trabalhista Brasileiro (Brazilian Labour

Party)

UNCURK UN Commission for the Rehabilitation and

Reunification of Korea

UP Unidad Popular (Popular Unity)

VPL Vanguarda Popular Revolucionária (Peoples'

Revolutionary Vanguard)

WFDY World Federation of Democratic Youth

WIDF Women's International Democratic Federation

WPC World Peace Council
WPK Workers' Party of Korea

WFTU World Federation of Trade Unions



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