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ARP	Anti-Revolutionary Party (Netherlands)
BDI	Bundesverband der deutschen Industrie (Germany)
BVP	Bayerische Volkspartei / Bavarian People's Party (Germany)
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy
CD [Group]	Christian Democratic Group (in the European Parliament)
CDA	Christian Democratic Appeal (Netherlands)
CDU	Christlich-Demokratische Union / Christian Democratic Union (Germany)
CHN	Christliche Nothilfe (Switzerland)
CHU	Christian-Historical Union (Netherlands)
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency (United States)
CNPF	Conseil National du Patronat Français (France)
COPA	Committee of Professional Agricultural Organisations
CSU	Christlich-Soziale Union / Christian Social Union (Bavaria / Germany)
CSV	Christian Social People's Party (Luxembourg)
CVP/PSC	Christelijke Volkspartij / Parti Social Chrétien (Belgium)
CWI	Catholic Workers' International
DC	Democrazia Cristiana (Italy)
DDP	Deutsche Demokratische Partei / German Democratic Party
DFG	Deutsch-Französische Gesellschaft / German-French Society
DGB	Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund / German Trade Union Congress

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DVP	Deutsche Volkspartei / German People's Party
EC	European Communities
ECJ	European Court of Justice
ECSC	European Coal and Steel Community
EDC	European Defence Community
EDU	European Democratic Union
EEC	European Economic Community
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EP	European Parliament
EPC	European Political Community
EPP	European People's Party
EUCD	European Union of Christian Democrats
EU	European Union
FDP	Freie Demokratische Partei / Free Democratic Party (Germany)
FNC	Fédération Nationale Catholique (France)
ICDU	International Christian Democratic Union
ICHN	Internationale Christliche Nothilfe (Switzerland)
ICU	International Catholic Union
IFCTU	International Federation of Christian Trade Unions
IPU	International Parliamentary Union
ILO	International Labour Organisation
JR	Ligue de la Jeune République (France)
KVP	Katholieke Volkspartij / Catholic People's Party (Netherlands)
MEP	Member of the European Parliament
MRP	Mouvement Républicain Populaire / Popular Republican Party (France)
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NEF	Nouvelles Équipes Françaises (France)
NEI	Nouvelles Équipes Internationales
OEEC	Organisation for European Economic Cooperation
ÖVP	Österreichische Volkspartei / Austrian People's Party
PDP	Parti Démocrate Populaire / Popular Democratic Party (France)
PPI	Partito Popolare Italiano / Italian Popular Party
PSP	Partido Social Popular / Popular Social Party (Spain)
PvdA	Partij van der Arbeid / Labour Party (Netherlands)

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SEA	Single European Act
SFIO	Section Française de l'Internationale Ouvrière (France)
SI	Socialist International
SIPDIC	Sécretariat International des Partis Démocratiques d'Inspiration Chrétienne
SKVP	Schweizer Konservative Volkspartei / Swiss Conservative People's Party
SPD	Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands / Social Democratic Party (Germany)
UN	United Nations
WEU	Western European Union