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ABBREVIATIONS

AC Appeal Cases law reports (England)

ACHPR African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights

ACHR American Convention on Human Rights

ACJ African Court of Justice

ACmHPR African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights
ACtERWC African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare

of the Child

ACtHPR African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights

AHRLR African Human Rights Law Reports

AI Amnesty International

AICHR ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights

AIR All India Reports
All ER All England Reports
ALR Australian Law Reports

ARIO (ILC) Articles on the Responsibility of International

Organisations

ARSIWA Articles on Responsibility of States for Internationally

Wrongful Acts

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations

ATCA Aliens Tort Claims Act

AU African Union

BCLR Butterworth's Constitutional Law Reports (RSA)
BGH Bundesgerichtshof (German Federal Court of Justice)

BHRC Butterworth's Human Rights Cases

BiH Bosnia and Herzegovina
BIT bilateral investment treaty

BLD Bangladesh Legal Decision (reports)

BLR Botswana Law Reports
BOP balance of payments

BVerfG Bundesverfassungsgericht (German Constitutional Court)
BVerwG Bundesverwaltungsgericht (Federal Administrative Court

of Germany)

CAT Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman

or Degrading Treatment or Punishment



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CCJ Caribbean Court of Justice
CDO collateral debt obligations

CDS credit default swaps

CED Committee on Enforced Disappearances
CEDAW Convention on the Elimination of All Forms

of Discrimination against Women

CEJIL Centre for Justice and International Law

CERD Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
CESCR Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

CETS Council of Europe Treaty Series
CIA Central Intelligence Agency
CIF Commodity Investment Fund

CJEU Court of Justice of the European Union

CLR Commonwealth Law Reports

Cm. Command Paper (UK)

CMW Committee on Migrant Workers

CoE Council of Europe

COHRE Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions

Committee of Ministers (Europe)
CommHR Commission on Human Rights (UN)

CPED International Convention for the Protection of All Persons

from Enforced Disappearance

CPP-NPA Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army
CPT European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and

Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

CRC Convention on the Rights of the Child

CRPD Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
CSCE Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe

CSOs civil society organisations CtAT Committee against Torture

CtEDAW Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against

Women

CtRC Committee on the Rights of the Child

CtRPD Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

DAC Development Assistance Committee (OECD)

DAGs domestic advisory groups

DEVAW Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against

Women (1994)

DLR Dominion Law Reports
DPAs deep-penetration agents

D & R Decisions and Reports of the European Committee

on Human Rights

DTA Detainee Treatment Act (USA)



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EAC East African Community
EBA Everything But Arms
EC European Community
ECB European Central Bank

ECCC Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia

ECHR European Convention on Human Rights

ECJ European Court of Justice

ECOSOC Economic and Social Council (UN)

ECOWAS Economic Community of West African States

ECOWAS CCJ ECOWAS Community Court of Justice

ECR European Court Reports (ECJ)

ECSR European Committee of Social Rights
ECtHR European Court of Human Rights
EFSF European Financial Stability Facility
EHRAC European Human Rights Advocacy Centre

EHRR European Human Rights Reports

EOHR Egyptian Organization for Human Rights
ESC economic, social and cultural rights
ESM European Stability Mechanism

ETOs extraterritorial obligations

EU European Union

EULEX EU Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo EWHC High Court of England and Wales

F. Federal reporter (USA)

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization FCO Foreign and Commonwealth Office (UK)

FCDO Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (UK)

FDI foreign direct investment FGC female genital cutting FGM female genital mutilation

FIDH International Federation of Human Rights

FIDIC International Federation of Consulting Engineers

FPIC free, prior and informed consent

FRONTEX Frontières Extérieures (European Border and Coast Guard

Agency)

FRY Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

FTF foreign terrorist fighter
G-77 Group of 77 (nations)

GATT General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

GC Grand Chamber (of the ECtHR)

GDP gross domestic product

GDR German Democratic Republic (East Germany)

GEF global environmental facility



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GRI	Global Reporting Initiative		
GSP	Generalised System of Preferences		
HCJ	High Court of Justice (Israel)		
HDI	Human Development Index		
HIPCs	-		
HPG	highly indebted poor countries		
	Humanitarian Policy Group		
HRAP	Human Rights Advisory Panel		
HRBA	human rights-based approach		
HRC	Human Rights Council		
HRCtee	Human Rights Committee		
HRIA	human rights impact assessment		
HRMM	human rights mainstreaming mechanism		
HRRP	Human Rights Review Panel		
HRW	Human Rights Watch		
IACHR	Inter-American Commission on Human Rights		
IACtHR	Inter-American Court of Human Rights		
IBA	International Bar Association		
IBP	International Budget Partnerships		
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development		
ICC	International Criminal Court		
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights		
ICERD	International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms		
	of Racial Discrimination		
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights		
ICHRP	International Council on Human Rights Policy		
ICJ	International Court of Justice		
ICRC	International Count of Justice International Committee of the Red Cross		
ICRMW			
ICKIVIVV	International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families		
ICSID	International Centre for the Settlement of Investment		
ICSID			
ICCDCA	Disputes		
ICSPCA	International Convention on the Suppression		
ICTD	and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid		
ICTR	International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda		
ICTY	International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia		
IDB	International Development Bank		
IDPs	internally displaced persons		
IFI	international financial institution		
IGOs	intergovernmental organisations		
IHL	international humanitarian law		
IIIM	International, Impartial and Independence Mechanism		
ILA	International Law Association		



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ILC International Law Commission
 ILM International Legal Materials
 ILO International Labour Organization
 ILP international legal personality
 ILR International Law Reports
 IMF International Monetary Fund

IMT International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg

INSC Supreme Court of India Judgments

IP intellectual property

IPCC Independent Police Complaints Commission (England

and Wales)

IPP indigenous peoples plan

IPPF indigenous peoples planning framework

IRA Irish Republican Army

IRCT International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims

IS Islamic State

ISC Intelligence and Security Committee (UK)

ISDS investor–state dispute settlement

IVF in vitro fertilisation
KB King's Bench
KFOR Kosovo Force

LAS League of Arab States
LDCs least developed countries
LFJL Lawyers for Justice in Libya

LGBTI lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex

LNTS League of Nations Treaty Series

LRA Lord's Resistance Army

LTTE Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam
MDER minimum dietary energy requirements

MDGs Millennium Development Goals
MFI microfinancing institution
MFN most favoured nation

MI5 Military Intelligence, section 5 (UK)
MICSs Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys

MIGA Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency

MLA mutual legal assistance

MMDA Model Mine Development Agreement

MNC multinational corporation
MoU memorandum of understanding
MRM monitoring and reporting mechanism
MRT Moldovan Republic of Transniestria
NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization

NBC nuclear, biological and chemical first aid kit



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Nauc	Micorian	High	Count
NgHC	Nigerian	nigin	Court

NGO non-governmental organisation
NHRIs national human rights institutions
NLMs national liberation movements

NSAs non-state actors

NTC National Transitional Council (Libya)
OAS Organization of American States
OAU Organisation of African Unity
ODA overseas development assistance

OECD Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

OHCHR Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

OJ Official Journal (EC)

OLC Office of the Legal Counsel (US Department of Justice)

OP Operational Policy (World Bank)

OPCAT Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture OP-ICESCR Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

OPML Oplan Missing Link

OSCE Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

PAT poverty assessment tool

PATH Peace Advocates for Truth, Healing and Justice

PB participatory budgeting

PCA Permanent Court of Arbitration

PCIJ Permanent Court of International Justice

PII public interest immunity
PKK Kurdistan Workers' Party
PLD All Pakistan Legal Decisions
PLO Palestine Liberation Organization
PNS parasympathetic nervous system

POW prisoner of war

PPPs public private partnerships
PRGF poverty reduction growth facility
PRSP poverty reduction strategy paper

QB Queen's Bench

R 61 Rule 61 decision (ICTY)
 R2P responsibility to protect
 ROE rules of engagement
 RSA Republic of South Africa

RSLR River State Law Reports (Nigeria)

RTD right to development

RTHE right to a healthy environment SA South African (law reports)

SADC South African Development Community



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SAP structural adjustment programme
SCC Supreme Court Cases (India)
SCR Supreme Court Reports (India)
SCR Supreme Court Reports (Canada)
S. Ct. Supreme Court Reports (USA)

SERAC Social and Economic Rights Action Centre

SIA social impact assessment SLSC Sierra Leone Special Court

SMEs small and medium-sized enterprises

SNS sympathetic nervous system

SPLM Sudan People's Liberation Movement SPT Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

SSN South–South Network
Stat. US Statutes at large

STL Special Tribunal for Lebanon
TEU Treaty on the European Union

TFEU Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
TRIPS Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual

Property Rights

TRNC Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus
UDHR Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UHRC Uganda Human Rights Commission

UK United Kingdom
UKHL UK House of Lords
UKSC UK Supreme Court
UN United Nations

UNAMID AU/UN Hybrid Operation in Darfur UNCAC UN Convention against Corruption

UNCITRAL UN Commission on International Trade Law UNCLOS UN Convention on the Law of the Sea UNCTAD UN Conference on Trade and Development

UNDP UN Development Programme

UNDRIP UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme

UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

Organization

UNGA UN General Assembly

UNHCR UN High Commissioner for Refugees

UNICEF UN International Children's (Emergency) Fund

UNMIK UN Mission in Kosovo UNMIS UN Mission in Sudan

UNOSAT UN Operational Satellite Applications Program

UNOSOM UN Operation in Somalia



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UNRIAA UN Reports of International Arbitral Awards

UNSC UN Security Council
UNTS UN Treaty Series

UPR universal periodic review
US US Supreme Court [reporter]
US(A) United States (of America)

USC United States Codes VAT value added tax

VCLT Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties

WAF Women's Action Forum (Pakistan)

WFSs World Food Summits

WGEID Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

WHO World Health Organization
WLR Weekly Law Reports (England)
WMA World Medical Association
WTO World Trade Organization

ZACC Constitutional Court of South Africa (reports)