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**Rechtschaffen, recht schaffen, Recht schaffen!**  
*Ludwig Karl James Aegidi (1825–1901)*

**Car, si ce ne sont point nos premières idées fausses  
que nous tirons peu à peu vers le vrai, nous pensons en vain.**  
*Alain, Les idées et les âges (1927)*

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## Selected acronyms and abbreviations

ADP	Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action
AGBM	Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate
ALBA	Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America
AOSIS	Alliance of Small Island States
AWG–KP	Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol
AWG–LCA	Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
CMP	Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol
COP	Conference of the Parties
EU	European Union
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GHG	greenhouse gases
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ILC	International Law Commission
IMO	International Maritime Organization
INC	Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
CLRTAP	Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution
MEA	multilateral environmental agreement
MOP	Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OPEC	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries



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PCIJ	Permanent Court of International Justice
REDD-plus	Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries; and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries
SBI	Subsidiary Body for Implementation
SBSTA	Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice
UNCED	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNOLA	United Nations Office of Legal Affairs
VCLT	Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties
WMO	World Meteorological Organization

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