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Abbreviations

ACOTA	African Contingency Operations Training and Assistance
ACRI	African Crisis Response Initiative
AFRICOM	US Africa Command
AFISMA	African-Led International Support Mission to Mali
AIAI	Al-Ittihad-Al-Islamiya
AMIB	African Union Mission in Burundi
AMIS	African Union Mission in Sudan
AMISOM	African Union Mission in Somalia
AMU	Arab Maghreb Union
ANC	African National Congress
APF	African Peace Facility
APRRP	African Peacekeeping Rapid Response Partnership
APSA	African Peace and Security Architecture
ASF	African Standby Force
ASTAP	African Solutions to African Problems
AU	African Union
BRICS	Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
CAR	Central African Republic
CEN-SAD	Community of Sahel–Saharan States
CEWS	Continental Early Warning System
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CNDD–FDD	National Council for the Defense of Democracy – Forces for the Defense of Democracy
CNDP	National Congress for the Defence of the People

COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
DRC	Democratic Republic of the Congo
EAC	East African Community
EASF	East African Standby Force
ECCAS	Economic Community of Central African States
ECOMOG	ECOWAS Ceasefire Monitoring Group
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EIPKTC	Ethiopian International Peacekeeping Training Centre
EPRDF	Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front
ESF	ECOWAS Standby Force
EU	European Union
FDLR	Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda
FIB	Force Intervention Brigade
FLS	Frontline States
FNL	National Forces for Liberation
FOCAC	Forum on China-African Cooperation
FOMAC	Multinational Force of Central Africa
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
IAF	inter-African force
ICGLR	International Conference of the Great Lakes Region
IGAD	Intergovernmental Authority on Development
IGO	International Governmental Organisation
IMATT	International Military Assistance and Training Team (Sierra Leone)
IMET	International Military Education and Training
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INGO	international non-governmental organisation
IPSTC	International Peace Support Training Centre
IR	International Relations
KAIPTC	Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Centre
LRA	Lord's Resistance Army
M23	Mouvement du 23 mars
MINUSMA	UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali
MISCA	The African-Led International Support Mission to the Central African Republic
MK	uMkhonto we Sizwe
MNJTF	Multinational Joint Task Force
MPLA	Movimento Popular de Libertação de Angola
NPFL	National Patriotic Front of Liberia

NRM	National Resistance Movement
OAU	Organization of African Unity
ONUB	UN Operation in Burundi
ONUC	United Nations Operation in the Congo
PoC	Protection of Civilians
POW	Panel of the Wise
PSC	Peace and Security Council
PSO	Peace Support Operations
R2P	Responsibility to Protect
RCI-LRA	Regional Coalition Initiative against the Lord's Resistance Army
REC	Regional Economic Community
RECAMP	Reinforcement of African Peacekeeping Capabilities
RPA	Rwandan Peace Academy
RPF	Rwandan Patriotic Front
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SADCC	Southern African Development Coordination Conference
SMC	Standing Mediation Committee
SPLM/A	Sudanese People's Liberation Movement/Army
SSF	SADC Standby Force
SSR	Security Sector Reform
TPLF	Tigrayan People's Liberation Front
UAE	United Arab Emirates
UK	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
UMA	See AMU
UN	United Nations
UNAMID	UN–AU Mission in Darfur
UNEF	United Nations Emergency Force
UNITA	National Union for the Total Independence of Angola
UNITAF	United Taskforce in Somalia
UNMIL	UN Mission in Liberia
UNMISS	UN Mission in South Sudan
US	United States of America
USD	US dollars
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (Soviet Union)
VIP	very important person/people
ZANU(–PF)	Zimbabwe African National Union (– Patriotic Front)