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Abbreviations

ACICR Archives du Comité International de la Croix-Rouge

ADM Records of the Admiralty

AF Ancien Fonds

AGI Archivo General de Indias AGS Archivo General de Simancas AHN Archivo Histórico Nacional BFSP British and Foreign State Papers BPP British Parliamentary Papers

CO Colonial Office

DD Documents Diplomatiques

DO Dominions Office

DPKO Department of Peacekeeping Operations

EGO Europäische Geschichte Online

FO Foreign Office

HHStA Österreichisches Haus-, Hof- und Staatsarchiv

HMS His/Her Majesty's Ship

HMSO His/Her Majesty's Stationery Office

ICISS International Commission on Intervention and State

Sovereignty

ICRC International Committee of the Red Cross

ILA International Law Association

LoC Manuscript Division Library of Congress

MAE Ministère des Affaires Étrangères
NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NGO non-governmental organization
NMM National Maritime Museum

NMRN National Museum of the Royal Navy

R2P Responsibility to Protect

SHD Service historique de la défense

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TNA The National Archives

UN United Nations

UNGA United Nations General Assembly

UNHCR United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UNSC United Nations Security Council

USS United States Ship

