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List of Abbreviations

ACP	African, Caribbean and Pacific States
AGOA	African Growth and Opportunity Act
ALADI	Asociación Latinamericana de Integración
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Forum)
ASEAN	Association of South-East Asian Nations
ATC	WTO Agreement on Textiles and Clothing
ATPDEA	Andean Trade Preference and Drug Eradication Act
BIT	Bilateral Investment Treaty
BLS	Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland
BLNS	Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland
CACM	Central American Common Market
CAFTA-DR	Central America-Dominican Republic-United States Free Trade Agreement
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CARIFORUM	Caribbean group for trade negotiations
CBERA	Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy (EU)
CCP	Common Commercial Policy (EU)
CFI	Court of First Instance (EU)
CFTA	United States-Canada Free Trade Agreement
CET	Common External Tariff
COMESA	Common Market of Eastern and Southern Africa
CRTA	WTO Committee on Regional Trade Agreements
CVD	Countervailing duty
DSB	Dispute Settlement Body (WTO)
DSU	WTO Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes
EC	European Communities
ECB	European Central Bank
ECC	Extraordinary Challenge Committee (NAFTA)
ECJ	European Court of Justice (EU)
ECLA	U.N. Economic Commission for Latin America
EEA	European Economic Area
EEAA	European Economic Area Agreement
EEC	European Economic Community
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EMS	European Monetary System
EP	European Parliament
EPA	Economic Partnership Agreement
ESCB	European System of Central Banks

EU	European Union
FDI	Foreign direct investment
FTA	Free Trade Agreement
FTAA	Free Trade Area of the Americas
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	Gross domestic product
GNP	Gross national product
GSP	Generalized System of Preferences
HS	Harmonized Tariff System
ICSID	International Center for the Settlement of Investment Disputes
LAFTA	Latin American Free Trade Area
MAI	Multilateral Agreement on Investment (OECD)
MEAs	Multilateral Environmental Agreements
MERCOSUR	Common Market of the Southern Cone
MFA	Multifibre Agreement
MFN	Most favored nation
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NGO	Non-governmental organization
NME	Non-market economy
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
PNTR	Permanent normal trade relations (United States)
PRT	Permanent Review Tribunal (MERCOSUR)
RTA	Regional Trade Agreement
SACU	Southern African Customs Union
SADC	South African Development Community
SCM	WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures
SEA	Single European Act (EU)
SIECA	General Secretariat for Central American Economic Integration
SICA	Secretariat for Central American Integration
SOEs	State owned enterprises
SPS	WTO Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
TBT	WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade
TPA	Trade Promotion Authority (U.S.)
TRIPS	WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
USTR	Office of the United States Trade Representative
UNCITRAL	U.N. Commission on International Trade Law
UNCTAD	U.N. Conference on Trade and Development
VBTA	United States-Vietnam Bilateral Trade Agreement
VCLT	Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties
WCO	World Customs Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization