

<b>ABEDA</b>	Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa
<b>ACCT</b>	Agency for the French-Speaking Community (see International Organization of the French-speaking World)
<b>ACP Group</b>	African, Caribbean, and Pacific Group of States
<b>AfDB</b>	African Development Bank
<b>AFESD</b>	Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development
<b>Air Pollution</b>	Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution
<b>Air Pollution-Nitrogen Oxides</b>	Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution Concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or Their Transboundary Fluxes
<b>Air Pollution-Persistent Organic Pollutants</b>	Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants
<b>Air Pollution-Sulphur 85</b>	Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on the Reduction of Sulphur Emissions or Their Transboundary Fluxes by at Least 30%
<b>Air Pollution-Sulphur 94</b>	Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions
<b>Air Pollution-Volatile Organic Compounds</b>	Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution Concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or Their Transboundary Fluxes
<b>AMF</b>	Arab Monetary Fund
<b>AMU</b>	Arab Maghreb Union
<b>Antarctic-Environmental Protocol</b>	Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty
<b>Antarctic Marine Living Resources</b>	Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
<b>Antarctic Seals</b>	Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Seals
<b>ANZUS</b>	Australia-New Zealand-United States Security Treaty
<b>APEC</b>	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
<b>Arabsat</b>	Arab Satellite Communications Organization

<b>ARF</b>	ASEAN Regional Forum
<b>AsDB</b>	Asian Development Bank
<b>ASEAN</b>	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
<b>AU</b>	African Union
<b>Autodin</b>	Automatic Digital Network
<b>BA</b>	Baltic Assembly
<b>bbI/day</b>	barrels per day
<b>BCIE</b>	Central American Bank for Economic Integration
<b>BDEAC</b>	Central African States Development Bank
<b>Benelux</b>	Benelux Economic Union
<b>BIMSTEC</b>	Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multisectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation
<b>Biodiversity</b>	Convention on Biological Diversity
<b>BGN</b>	United States Board on Geographic Names
<b>BIS</b>	Bank for International Settlements
<b>BSEC</b>	Black Sea Economic Cooperation Zone
<b>C</b>	Commonwealth
<b>c.i.f.</b>	cost, insurance, and freight
<b>CACM</b>	Central American Common Market
<b>CAEU</b>	Council of Arab Economic Unity
<b>CAN</b>	Andean Community of Nations
<b>Caricom</b>	Caribbean Community and Common Market
<b>CB</b>	citizen's band mobile radio communications
<b>CBSS</b>	Council of the Baltic Sea States
<b>CCC</b>	Customs Cooperation Council
<b>CDB</b>	Caribbean Development Bank
<b>CE</b>	Council of Europe
<b>CEI</b>	Central European Initiative
<b>CEMAC</b>	Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa
<b>CEPGL</b>	Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries

<b>CERN</b>	European Organization for Nuclear Research
<b>CEPT</b>	Conference Europeenne des Poste et Telecommunications
<b>CIS</b>	Commonwealth of Independent States
<b>CITES</b>	see Endangered Species
<b>Climate Change</b>	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
<b>Climate Change- Kyoto Protocol</b>	Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
<b>COCOM</b>	Coordinating Committee on Export Controls
<b>Comsat</b>	Communications Satellite Corporation
<b>COMESA</b>	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
<b>CTBTO</b>	Preparation commission for the Nuclear-Ban-Treaty Operation
<b>CY</b>	calendar year
<b>CP</b>	Colombo Plan
<b>DC</b>	developed country
<b>Desertification</b>	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa
<b>DDT</b>	dichloro-diphenyl-trichloro-ethane
<b>DIA</b>	United States Defense Intelligence Agency
<b>DSN</b>	Defense Switched Network
<b>DST</b>	daylight savings time
<b>DWT</b>	deadweight ton
<b>EADB</b>	East African Development Bank
<b>EAEC</b>	Eurasian Economic Community
<b>EAPC</b>	Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council
<b>EBRD</b>	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
<b>EC</b>	European Community
<b>ECA</b>	Economic Commission for Africa
<b>ECE</b>	Economic Commission for Europe
<b>ECLAC</b>	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

<b>ECO</b>	Economic Cooperation Organization
<b>ECOSOC</b>	Economic and Social Council
<b>ECOWAS</b>	Economic Community of West African States
<b>ECSC</b>	European Coal and Steel Community
<b>EEC</b>	European Economic Community
<b>EFTA</b>	European Free Trade Association
<b>EEZ</b>	exclusive economic zone
<b>EIB</b>	European Investment Bank
<b>EMU</b>	European Monetary Union
<b>Endangered Species</b>	Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES)
<b>Entente</b>	Council of the Entente
<b>Environmental Modification</b>	Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques
<b>ESA</b>	European Space Agency
<b>ESCAP</b>	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
<b>ESCWA</b>	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
<b>est.</b>	estimate
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>Euratom</b>	European Atomic Energy Community
<b>Eutelsat</b>	European Telecommunications Satellite Organization
<b>Ex-Im</b>	Export-Import Bank of the United States
<b>f.o.b.</b>	free on board
<b>FAO</b>	Food and Agriculture Organization
<b>FAX</b>	facsimile
<b>FLS</b>	Front Line States
<b>FOC</b>	flags of convenience
<b>FSU</b>	former Soviet Union
<b>FY</b>	fiscal year

<b>FZ</b>	Franc Zone
<b>G-2</b>	Group of 2
<b>G-3</b>	Group of 3
<b>G-5</b>	Group of 5
<b>G-6</b>	Group of 6
<b>G-7</b>	Group of 7
<b>G-8</b>	Group of 8
<b>G-9</b>	Group of 9
<b>G-10</b>	Group of 10
<b>G-15</b>	Group of 15
<b>G-11</b>	Group of 11
<b>G-24</b>	Group of 24
<b>G-77</b>	Group of 77
<b>GATT</b>	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade; now WTO
<b>GCC</b>	Gulf Cooperation Council
<b>GCTU</b>	General Confederation of Trade Unions
<b>GDP</b>	gross domestic product
<b>GMT</b>	Greenwich Mean Time
<b>GNP</b>	gross national product
<b>GRT</b>	gross register ton
<b>GSM</b>	global system for mobile cellular communications
<b>GUAM</b>	Organization for Democracy and Economic Development; acronym for member states - Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Moldova
<b>GWP</b>	gross world product
<b>Hazardous Wastes</b>	Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal
<b>HF</b>	high-frequency
<b>HIV/AIDS</b>	human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome
<b>IADB</b>	Inter-American Development Bank

<b>IAEA</b>	International Atomic Energy Agency
<b>IANA</b>	Internet Assigned Numbers Authority
<b>IBRD</b>	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank)
<b>ICAO</b>	International Civil Aviation Organization
<b>ICC</b>	International Chamber of Commerce
<b>ICCt</b>	International Criminal Court
<b>ICJ</b>	International Court of Justice (World Court)
<b>ICRC</b>	International Committee of the Red Cross
<b>ICRM</b>	International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement
<b>ICSID</b>	International Center for Secretariat of Investment Disputes
<b>ICTR</b>	International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
<b>ICTY</b>	International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
<b>IDA</b>	International Development Association
<b>IDB</b>	Islamic Development Bank
<b>IDP</b>	internally displaced person
<b>IEA</b>	International Energy Agency
<b>IFAD</b>	International Fund for Agricultural Development
<b>IFC</b>	International Finance Corporation
<b>IFRCS</b>	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
<b>IGAD</b>	Inter-Governmental Authority on Development
<b>IHO</b>	International Hydrographic Organization
<b>ILO</b>	International Labor Organization
<b>IMF</b>	International Monetary Fund
<b>IMO</b>	International Maritime Organization
<b>Inmarsat</b>	International Maritime Satellite Organization
<b>InOC</b>	Indian Ocean Commission
<b>INSTRAW</b>	International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women
<b>Intelsat</b>	International Telecommunications Satellite Organization
<b>Interpol</b>	International Criminal Police Organization

<b>Intersputnik</b>	International Organization of Space Communications
<b>IOC</b>	International Olympic Committee
<b>IOM</b>	International Organization for Migration
<b>IPU</b>	Inter-parliamentary Union
<b>ISO</b>	International Organization for Standardization
<b>ISP</b>	Internet Service Provider
<b>ITU</b>	International Telecommunication Union
<b>ITUC</b>	International Trade Union Confederation (the successor to ICFTU (International Confederation of Free Trade Unions) and the WCL (World Confederation of Labor))
<b>kHz</b>	kilohertz
<b>km</b>	kilometer
<b>kW</b>	kilowatt
<b>kWh</b>	kilowatt-hour
<b>LAES</b>	Latin American Economic System
<b>LAIA</b>	Latin American Integration Association
<b>LAS</b>	League of Arab States
<b>Law of the Sea</b>	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (LOS)
<b>LDC</b>	less developed country
<b>LLDC</b>	least developed country
<b>London Convention</b>	see Marine Dumping
<b>LOS</b>	see Law of the Sea
<b>m</b>	meter
<b>Marecs</b>	Maritime European Communications Satellite
<b>Marine Dumping</b>	Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping Wastes and Other Matter
<b>Marine Life Conservation</b>	Convention on Fishing and Conservation of Living Resources of the High Seas
<b>MARPOL</b>	see Ship Pollution
<b>Medarabtel</b>	Middle East Telecommunications Project of the International Telecommunications Union

<b>Mercosur</b>	Southern Cone Common Market
<b>MHz</b>	megahertz
<b>MICAH</b>	International Civilian Support Mission in Haiti
<b>MINURSO</b>	United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara
<b>MIGA</b>	Multilateral Investment Geographic Agency
<b>MINUSTAH</b>	United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti
<b>MONUC</b>	United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
<b>NA</b>	not available
<b>NAFTA</b>	North American Free Trade Agreement
<b>NAM</b>	Nonaligned Movement
<b>NATO</b>	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
<b>NC</b>	Nordic Council
<b>NEA</b>	Nuclear Energy Agency
<b>NEGL</b>	negligible
<b>NGA</b>	National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
<b>NIB</b>	Nordic Investment Bank
<b>NIC</b>	newly industrializing country
<b>NIE</b>	newly industrializing economy
<b>NIS</b>	new independent states
<b>nm</b>	nautical mile
<b>NMT</b>	Nordic Mobile Telephone
<b>NSG</b>	Nuclear Suppliers Group
<b>Nuclear Test Ban</b>	Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapons Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space, and Under Water
<b>NZ</b>	New Zealand
<b>OAPEC</b>	Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries
<b>OAS</b>	Organization of American States
<b>OAU</b>	Organization of African Unity; see African Union
<b>ODA</b>	official development assistance



<b>OECD</b>	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
<b>OECS</b>	Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
<b>OHCHR</b>	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
<b>OIC</b>	Organization of the Islamic Conference
<b>OIF</b>	International Organization of the French-speaking World
<b>ONUB</b>	United Nations Operation in Burundi
<b>OOF</b>	other official flows
<b>OPANAL</b>	Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean
<b>OPCW</b>	Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
<b>OPEC</b>	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
<b>OSCE</b>	Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
<b>Ozone Layer Protection</b>	Montreal Protocol on Substances That Deplete the Ozone Layer
<b>PCA</b>	Permanent Court of Arbitration
<b>PFP</b>	Partnership for Peace
<b>PIF</b>	Pacific Islands Forum
<b>PPP</b>	purchasing power parity
<b>Ramsar</b>	see Wetlands
<b>RG</b>	Rio Group
<b>SAARC</b>	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
<b>SACU</b>	Southern African Customs Union
<b>SACEP</b>	South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme
<b>SADC</b>	Southern African Development Community
<b>SCO</b>	Shanghai Cooperation Organization
<b>SAFE</b>	South African Far East Cable
<b>SECI</b>	Southeast European Cooperative Initiative
<b>SHF</b>	super-high-frequency
<b>Ship Pollution</b>	Protocol of 1978 Relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships, 1973 (MARPOL)

<b>Sparteca</b>	South Pacific Regional Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement
<b>SPC</b>	Secretariat of the Pacific Communities
<b>SPF</b>	South Pacific Forum
<b>sq km</b>	square kilometer
<b>sq mi</b>	square mile
<b>TAT</b>	Trans-Atlantic Telephone
<b>Tropical Timber 83</b>	International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1983
<b>Tropical Timber 94</b>	International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994
<b>UAE</b>	United Arab Emirates
<b>UDEAC</b>	Central African Customs and Economic Union
<b>UHF</b>	ultra-high-frequency
<b>UK</b>	United Kingdom
<b>UN</b>	United Nations
<b>UNAMSIL</b>	United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone
<b>UNCLOS</b>	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, also know as LOS
<b>UNCTAD</b>	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
<b>UNDCP</b>	United Nations Drug Control Program
<b>UNDOF</b>	United Nations Disengagement Observer Force
<b>UNDP</b>	United Nations Development Program
<b>UNEP</b>	United Nations Environment Program
<b>UNESCO</b>	United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization
<b>UNFICYP</b>	United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus
<b>UNFPA</b>	United Nations Population Fund
<b>UNHCR</b>	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
<b>UNICEF</b>	United Nations Children's Fund
<b>UNICRI</b>	United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute
<b>UNIDIR</b>	United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
<b>UNIDO</b>	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
<b>UNIFIL</b>	United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

<b>UNITAR</b>	United Nations Institute for Training and Research
<b>UNMEE</b>	United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea
<b>UNMIK</b>	United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo
<b>UNMIL</b>	United Nations Mission in Liberia
<b>UNMIT</b>	United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste
<b>UNMOGIP</b>	United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan
<b>UNMOVIC</b>	United Nations Monitoring, Verification, and Inspection Commission
<b>UNOCI</b>	United Nations Operation in Cote d'Ivoire
<b>UNOMIG</b>	United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia
<b>UNOPS</b>	United Nations Office of Project Services
<b>UNRISD</b>	United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
<b>UNRWA</b>	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
<b>UNSC</b>	United Nations Security Council
<b>UNSSC</b>	United Nations System Staff College
<b>UNTSO</b>	United Nations Truce Supervision Organization
<b>UNU</b>	United Nations University
<b>UNWTO</b>	World Tourism Organization
<b>UPU</b>	Universal Postal Union
<b>US</b>	United States
<b>USSR</b>	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (Soviet Union); used for information dated before 25 December 1991
<b>UTC</b>	Coordinated Universal Time
<b>UV</b>	ultra violet
<b>VHF</b>	very-high-frequency
<b>VSAT</b>	very small aperture terminal
<b>WADB</b>	West African Development Bank
<b>WAEMU</b>	West African Economic and Monetary Union
<b>WCL</b>	World Confederation of Labor
<b>WCO</b>	World Customs Organization

<b>Wetlands</b>	Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially As Waterfowl Habitat
<b>WEU</b>	Western European Union
<b>WFP</b>	World Food Program
<b>WFTU</b>	World Federation of Trade Unions
<b>Whaling</b>	International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization
<b>WIPO</b>	World Intellectual Property Organization
<b>WMO</b>	World Meteorological Organization
<b>WP</b>	Warsaw Pact
<b>WTO</b>	World Trade Organization
<b>ZC</b>	Zangger Committee