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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| ACP    | African, Caribbean and Pacific countries  |
| APF    | Asia-Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions  |
| APT    | Association for the Prevention against Torture  |
| CAT    | Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment          |
| CDDH   | Council of Europe Steering Committee for Human Rights   |
| CEDAW  | Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women                        |
| CERD   | Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination   |
| CEORR  | Centre for Equal Opportunities and Opposition to Racism (Belgium)                                 |
| CHR    | United Nations Commission on Human Rights   |
| COSP   | Conference of State Parties   |
| COST   | European Cooperation in Science and Technology  |
| CPT    | European Committee on the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment |
| CRC    | Convention on the Rights of the Child   |
| CRE    | Commission for Racial Equality (United Kingdom)   |
| CRPD   | Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities   |
| CSOs   | civil society organisations   |
| CSP    | country strategy paper  |
| CSW    | Commission on the Status of Women   |
| DIHR   | Danish Institute for Human Rights   |
| DRC    | Disability Rights Commission (United Kingdom)   |
| DROI   | Subcommittee on Human Rights of the European Parliament   |
| DPA    | Data Protection Authority   |
| EaP    | Eastern Partnership   |
| ECOSOC | United Nations Economic and Social Council  |
| ECHR   | European Convention on Human Rights   |
| ECtHR  | European Court of Human Rights  |
| ECJ    | European Court of Justice   |
| ECRI   | European Commission against Racism and Intolerance  |
| EDF    | European Development Fund   |
| EDPS   | European Data Protection Supervisor   |
| EEOC   | Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (United States of America)                                |

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| EHRC    | Equality and Human Rights Commission (United Kingdom)  |
| EIDHR   | European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights   |
| EIGE    | European Institute for Gender Equality   |
| ENOC    | European Network of Ombudsperson for Children  |
| EOC     | Equal Opportunities Commission (United Kingdom)  |
| EQUINET | European Network for Equality Bodies   |
| EU      | European Union   |
| FRA     | European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights   |
| HRC     | United Nations Human Rights Council  |
| HCHR    | United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights  |
| IA      | Impact Assessment  |
| ICC     | International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions   |
| ICC SCA | International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions Sub-Committee on Accreditation  |
| ICCPR   | International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights   |
| ICED    | International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance   |
| ICERD   | International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination  |
| ICESCR  | International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights   |
| ICM     | Inter-Committee Meeting of United Nations treaty body representatives  |
| ICMW    | International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families  |
| IHRC    | Irish Human Rights Commission  |
| IOI     | International Ombudsman Institute  |
| LGBT    | lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender   |
| NEB     | national equality body   |
| NGO     | non-governmental organisation  |
| NHRI    | national human rights institution  |
| NHRS    | national human rights structure  |
| NIHR    | Netherlands Institute for Human Rights   |
| NIRMS   | National Institutions and Regional Mechanisms Section of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights   |
| NJCM    | Nederlands Juristen Comité voor Mensenrechten [Section of the International Commission of Jurists in the Netherlands]  |
| NPM     | national preventive mechanism under the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment |
| OHCHR   | United Nations Office for the High Commissioner of Human Rights  |

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| OPCAT            | Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment |
| OSCE             | Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe  |
| OSCE ODIHR       | Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights             |
| Paris Principles | Principles Relating to the Status of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights          |
| RCT              | Research Centre for Torture Victims (Denmark)  |
| TAIEX            | Technical Assistance and Information Exchange Instrument (European Commission)                                       |
| TEU              | Treaty on European Union   |
| TFEU             | Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union  |
| UK               | United Kingdom   |
| UN               | United Nations   |
| UNDP             | United Nations Development Programme   |
| UN GA            | United Nations General Assembly  |
| UN CHR           | United Nations Commission on Human Rights  |
| UN HRC           | United Nations Human Rights Council  |
| UPR              | universal periodic review  |
| USA              | United States of America   |

