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ACHR	American Convention on Human Rights
ARSIWA	Draft Articles on the Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts
APO	Autoridade Pública Olímpica
BRT	Bus Rapid Transit Systems
BWI	Building and Wood Workers' International
CAS	Court of Arbitration for Sport
CBDR	Common but Differentiated Responsibilities
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CERD	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
CESCR	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
COHRE	Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
FIFA	Fédération Internationale de Football Association
FNV	Netherlands Trade Union Confederation
GPSRIL	Guiding Principles on Shared Responsibility in International Law
HA	Hosting Agreement
HCA	Host City Agreement
HCC	Host City Contract
HRW	Human Rights Watch
IACtHR	Inter-American Court of Human Rights
ICAS	International Council of Arbitration for Sport
ICCPR	International Covenant for Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant for Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights
ICTY	International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
IF	International Federation
ILC	International Law Commission
IOC	International Olympic Committee
ISGB	International Sports Governing Body
JCE	Joint Criminal Enterprise
LOC	Local Organizing Committee
LOCOG	London Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games
LOEs	Local Organizing Entities

MA	Member Association
NCP	National Contact Point
NESS	Necessary Element of a Sufficient Set
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NHRI	National Human Rights Institution
NOC	National Olympic Committee
NSA	Non-State Actor
NSGB	National Sports Governing Body
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
OPGs	Olympic and Paralympic Games
PCA	Permanent Court of Arbitration
SC	Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy
SGB	Sports Governing Body
TOCOG	Tokyo Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games
UNGPs	UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights