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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACP	African, Caribbean and Pacific countries
CAFTA	Dominican Republic-United States-Central American Free Trade Agreement
CCSS	Caja Costarricense de Seguridad Social
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
EAA	Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance
EC	European Commission
EIAs	Environmental Impact Assessments
EU	European Union
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
HRIAs	Human Rights Impact Assessments
IAIA	International Association of Impact Assessment
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICERD	International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
IFC	International Finance Corporation
IAs	Integrated Impact Assessments of the United Nations Environment Programme
ILO	International Labour Organization
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NGO	Non-governmental organization
NHRI	National Human Rights Institution
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
SIAs	Social Impact Assessments
SRSG	Special Representative of the Secretary-General
TRIPS	Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
TSIAs	Trade and Sustainability Impact Assessments of the European Commission
UN	United Nations
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme

List of Abbreviations

UPOV	Union pour la Protection des Obtentions Végétales; Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants.
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization