The World Factbook: Appendix A :: Abbreviations

ABEDA Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa ACP Group African, Caribbean, and Pacific Group of States ADB Asian Development Bank AfDB African Development Bank **AFESD** Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development AG Australia Group Air Pollution Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution Air Pollution-Nitrogen Oxides Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution Concerning the Control of Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides or Their Transboundary Fluxes Air Pollution-Persistent Organic Pollutants Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants Air Pollution-Sulphur 85 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% Air Pollution-Sulphur 94 Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Further Reduction of Sulphur Emissions Air Pollution-Volatile Organic Compounds Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution Concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or Their Transboundary Fluxes **AMF** Arab Monetary Fund

Arab Maghreb Union

AMU

Antarctic Marine Living Resources
Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
Antarctic Seals
Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Seals
Antarctic-Environmental Protocol
Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty
ANZUS
Australia-New Zealand-United States Security Treaty
AOSIS
Alliance of Small Island States
APEC
Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
Arabsat
Arab Satellite Communications Organization
ARF
ASEAN Regional Forum
ASEAN
Association of Southeast Asian Nations
AU
African Union
Autodin
Automatic Digital Network
BA
Baltic Assembly
bbl/day
barrels per day
BCIE
Central American Bank for Economic Integration
BDEAC
Central African States Development Bank
Benelux
Benelux Union
BGN

United States Board on Geographic Names

DIMSTEC
Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation
Biodiversity
Convention on Biological Diversity
BIS
Bank for International Settlements
BRICS
(Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa)
BSEC
Black Sea Economic Cooperation Zone
С
Commonwealth
CD
Community of Democracies
c.i.f.
cost, insurance, and freight
CACM
Central American Common Market
CAEU
Council of Arab Economic Unity
CAN
Andean Community
Caricom
Caribbean Community and Common Market
СВ
citizen's band mobile radio communications
CBSS
Council of the Baltic Sea States
ccc
Customs Cooperation Council
CDB
Caribbean Development Bank
CE

DIMOTEC

Council of Europe
CEI
Central European Initiative
CELAC
Community of Latin America and Caribbean States
CEMA
Council for Mutual Economic Assistance
CEMAC
Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa
CEPGL
Economic Community of the Great Lakes Countries
CERN
European Organization for Nuclear Research
CIA
Central Intelligence Agency
CICA
Conference of Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia
CIS
Commonwealth of Independent States
CITES
see Endangered Species
Climate Change
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
Climate Change-Kyoto Protocol
Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
СОСОМ
Coordinating Committee on Export Controls
COMESA
Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
Comsat
Communications Satellite Corporation
СР
Colombo Plan

CPLP
Comunidade dos Paises de Lingua Portuguesa
CSN
South American Community of Nations became UNASUL - Union of South American Nations
CSTO
Collective Security Treaty Organization
СТВТО
Preparatory Commission for the Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization
CY
calendar year
D-8
Developing Eight
DC
developed country
DDT
dichloro-diphenyl-trichloro-ethane
Desertification
United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa
DIA
United States Defense Intelligence Agency
DSN
Defense Switched Network
DST
daylight savings time
DWT
deadweight ton
EAC
East African Community
EADB
East African Development Bank
EAEC
Eurasian Economic Community
EAPC

EAS
East Asia Summit
EBRD
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
EC
European Community or European Commission
ECA
Economic Commission for Africa
ECB
European Central Bank
ECE
Economic Commission for Europe
ECLAC
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
ECO
Economic Cooperation Organization
ECOSOC
Economic and Social Council
ECOWAS
Economic Community of West African States
ECSC
European Coal and Steel Community
EE
Eastern Europe
EEC
European Economic Community
EEZ
exclusive economic zone
EFTA
European Free Trade Association
EIB
European Investment Bank

Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council

EITI
Extractive Industry Trnsparency Iniative
EMU
European Monetary Union
Endangered Species
Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES)
Entente
Council of the Entente
Environmental Modification
Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques
ESA
European Space Agency
ESCAP
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ESCWA
Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
est.
estimate
EU
European Union
Euratom
European Atomic Energy Community
Eutelsat
European Telecommunications Satellite Organization
Ex-Im
Export-Import Bank of the United States
f.o.b.
free on board
FAO
Food and Agriculture Organization
FATF
Financial Action Task Force
FAX
facsimile

FLS
Front Line States
FOC
flags of convenience
FSU
former Soviet Union
FY
fiscal year
FZ
Franc Zone
G-3
Group of 3
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Group of 20
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Group of 24
G-77

GATT
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade; now WTO
GCC
Gulf Cooperation Council
GCN
Global Caribbean Network
GCTU
General Confederation of Trade Unions
GDP
gross domestic product
GMT
Greenwich Mean Time
GNP
gross national product
GRT
gross register ton
GSM
global system for mobile cellular communications
GUAM
Organization for Democracy and Economic Development; acronym for member states - Georgia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Moldova
GWP
gross world product
Hazardous Wastes
Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal
HF
high-frequency
HIV/AIDS
human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome
IADB
Inter-American Development Bank
IAEA

Group of 77

International Atomic Energy Agency

IANA
Internet Assigned Numbers Authority
IBRD
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank)
ICAO
International Civil Aviation Organization
ICC
International Chamber of Commerce
ICCt
International Criminal Court
ICJ
International Court of Justice (World Court)
ICRC
International Committee of the Red Cross
ICRM
International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement
ICSID
International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes
ICTR
International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
ICTY
International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
IDA
International Development Association
IDB
Islamic Development Bank
IDP
Internally Displaced Person
IEA
International Energy Agency
IFAD
International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFC

IFRCS
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
IGAD
Inter-Governmental Authority on Development
ІНО
International Hydrographic Organization
ILO
International Labor Organization
IMF
International Monetary Fund
IMO
International Maritime Organization
IMSO
International Mobile Satellite Organization
Inmarsat
International Maritime Satellite Organization
InOC
Indian Ocean Commission
Intelsat
International Telecommunications Satellite Organization
Interpol
International Criminal Police Organization
Intersputnik
International Organization of Space Communications
IOC
International Olympic Committee
IOM
International Organization for Migration
IPU
Inter-Parliamentary Union
ISO
International Organization for Standardization

International Finance Corporation

ISP
Internet Service Provider
ITC
International Trade Center
ITSO
International Telecommunications Satellite Organization
ITU
International Telecommunication Union
ITUC
International Trade Union Confederation, the successor to ICFTU (International Confederation of Free Trade Unions) and the WCL (World Confederation of Labor)
kHz
kilohertz
k m
kilometer
kW
kilowatt
kWh
kilowatt-hour
LAES
Latin American and Caribbean Economic System
LAIA
Latin American Integration Association
LAS
League of Arab States
Law of the Sea
United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (LOS)
LDC
less developed country
LLDC
least developed country
London Convention
see Marine Dumping
LOS

m .
meter
Marecs
Maritime European Communications Satellite
Marine Dumping
Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping Wastes and Other Matter
Marine Life Conservation
Convention on Fishing and Conservation of Living Resources of the High Seas
MARPOL
see Ship Pollution
Medarabtel
Middle East Telecommunications Project of the International Telecommunications Union
Mercosur
Southern Cone Common Market
MHz
megahertz
MICAH
International Civilian Support Mission in Haiti
MIGA
Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency
MINURCAT
United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad
MINURSO
United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara
MINUSTAH
United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti
MONUSCO
United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
NA
not available
NAFTA
North American Free Trade Agreement

see Law of the Sea

NAM
Nonaligned Movement
NATO
North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NC
Nordic Council
NEA
Nuclear Energy Agency
NEGL
negligible
NGA
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
NGO
nongovernmental organization
NIB
Nordic Investment Bank
NIC
newly industrializing country
NIE
newly industrializing economy
NIS
new independent states
n m
nautical mile
NMT
Nordic Mobile Telephone
NSG
Nuclear Suppliers Group
Nuclear Test Ban
Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapons Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space, and Under Water
NZ
New Zealand
OAPEC

Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries

OAS
Organization of American States
OAU
Organization of African Unity; see African Union
ODA
official development assistance
OECD
Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OECS
Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
OHCHR
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
OIC
Organization of the Islamic Conference
OIF
International Organization of the French-speaking World
OOF
other official flows
OPANAL
Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean
OPCW
Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
OPEC
Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
OSCE
Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
Ozone Layer Protection
Montreal Protocol on Substances That Deplete the Ozone Layer
PCA
Permanent Court of Arbitration
PFP
Partnership for Peace
PIF

Pacific Islands Forum
PPP
purchasing power parity
Ramsar
see Wetlands
RG
Rio Group
SAARC
South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SACEP
South Asia Co-operative Environment Program
SACU
Southern African Customs Union
SADC
Southern African Development Community
SAFE
South African Far East Cable
SCO
Shanghai Cooperation Organization
SECI
Southeast European Cooperative Initiative
SELEC
Convention of the Southeast European Law Enforcement Centers (successor to SECI)
SHF
super-high-frequency
Ship Pollution
Protocol of 1978 Relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships, 1973 (MARPOL)
SICA
Central American Integration System
Sparteca
South Pacific Regional Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement
SPC

Secretariat of the Pacific Communities

SPF
South Pacific Forum
sq km
square kilometer
sq mi
square mile
TAT
Trans-Atlantic Telephone
TEU
Twenty-Foot Equivalent Unit, a unit of measure for containerized cargo capacity
Tropical Timber 83
International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1983
Tropical Timber 94
International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994
UAE
United Arab Emirates
UDEAC
Central African Customs and Economic Union
UHF
ultra-high-frequency
UK
United Kingdom
UN
United Nations
UN-AIDS
Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS
UNAMA
United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan
UNAMID
African Union/United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur
UNASUR
Union of South American Nations
UNCLOS

UNCTAD
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDCP
United Nations Drug Control Program
UNDEF
United Nations Democracy Fund
UNDOF
United Nations Disengagement Observer Force
UNDP
United Nations Development Program
UNEP
United Nations Environment Program
UNESCO
United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization
UNFICYP
United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus
UNFPA
United Nations Population Fund
UN-Habitat
United Nations Center for Human Settlements
UNHCR
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF
United Nations Children's Fund
UNICRI
United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute
UNIDIR
United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
UNIDO
United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNIFIL
United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, also know as LOS

UNISFA
United Nations Interim Force for Abyei
UNITAR
United Nations Institute for Training and Research
UNMIK
United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo
UNMIL
United Nations Mission in Liberia
UNMIS
United Nations Mission in the Sudan
UNMISS
United Nations Mission in South Sudan
UNMIT
United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste
UNMOGIP
United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan
UNOCI
United Nations Operation in Cote d'Ivoire
UNODC
United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime
UNOPS
United Nations Office of Project Services
UNRISD
United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
UNRWA
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
UNSC
United Nations Security Council
UNSSC
Untied Nations System Staff College
UNTSO
United Nations Truce Supervision Organization
UNU
United Nations University

UNWTO
World Tourism Organization
UPU
Universal Postal Union
US
United States
USSR
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (Soviet Union); used for information dated before 25 December 1991
UTC
Coordinated Universal Time
UV
ultra violet
VHF
very-high-frequency
VSAT
very small aperture terminal
WADB
West African Development Bank
WAEMU
West African Economic and Monetary Union
WCL
World Confederation of Labor
WCO
World Customs Organization
Wetlands
Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially As Waterfowl Habitat
WEU
Western European Union
WFP
World Food Program
WFTU
World Federation of Trade Unions
Whaling

WHO
World Health Organization
WIPO
World Intellectual Property Organization
WMO
World Meteorological Organization
WP
Warsaw Pact
WTO
World Trade Organization
ZC
Zangger Committee

International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling