

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

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Accords	International agreements with a status below that of treaties
Adjudication	the process by which a court settles cases by a decision which disputants are obliged to follow
Aide-memoire	a written summary of important items of a proposed agreement
Alliance	A formal coalition of two or more nations that share national security interests
Ally (<i>plural: allies</i>)	Member(s) of an alliance
Appeasement	When, in order to reduce tensions, one nation (or group of nations) makes concessions to another nation (or group of nations)
Arms control	When potential enemy nations cooperate to reduce the chances that their differences will lead to violent conflict
Balance of Power	A state of affairs among a community of nations that does not allow for any one nation (or group of nations) to endanger the independence of the others
Bargaining	A process of concessions, conditional offers, threats, inducements by which compromises and agreements are reached
Creative Ambiguity	When two parties to a negotiation cannot agree on all points, they agree not to challenge each other on certain selected points
Political Asylum	When one nation gives protection and sanctuary to a foreign national