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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACHR	American Convention on Human Rights
AJIL	American Journal of International Law
Am. U. Int'l L. Rev.	American University International Law Review
APF	Asia-Pacific Forum of NHRIs
B.C.L.Rev.	Boston College Law Review
CDDH	Steering Committee on Human Rights
CDDH INST	CDDH drafting group on civil society and national human rights institutions
CERREM	Committee for Risk Assessment and Recommendation of Measures (Colombia)
CESCR	Committee on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights
CHCDH	Commission nationale consultative des droits de l'homme
CJEU	Court of Justice of the European Union
CHR	Commission on Human Rights
CNDH	Comisión Nacional de los Derechos Humanos
CoE	Council of Europe
COHOM	Council Working Party on Human Rights
CPF	Common Provision Funds
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
CSO(s)	Civil society organisation(s)
DG NEAR	Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations
DIMR	Deutsches Institut für Menschenrechte
DROI	Committee on Human Rights of the European Parliament

ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council
ECRI	European Commission against Racism and Intolerance
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
EEAS	European External Action Service
EIDHR	European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights
EJIL	European Journal of International Law
ELJ	European Law Journal
ENA	École Nationale d'Administration
ENM	École Nationale de la Magistrature
ENNHRI	European Network of National Human Rights Institutions
Equinet	European Network of Equality Bodies
ESC	European Social Charter
EU	European Union
FARC-EP	Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia – People's Army
FIO	Federación Iberoamericana del Ombudsperson
FRA	European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
FREMP	Council Working Party on Fundamental Rights
GAL	Global administrative law
GANHRI	Global Alliance for National Human Rights Institutions
Gonzaga J.I.L.	Gonzaga Journal of International Law
GRETA	Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings
GVP	Preliminary Assessment Group (Colombia)
Harv. Hum. Rts. J.	Harvard Human Rights Journal
HRBA	Human Rights Based Approach
HRC	UN Human Rights Council
HRDTP	Human Rights and Democracy Thematic Programme

Hum.Rts.L.Rev.	Human Rights Law Review
Hum.Rts.Q.	Human Rights Quarterly
Hum. Rts. Rev.	Human Rights Review
IA	Impact assessment
IACHR	Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
IACtHR	Inter-American Court of Human Rights
ICC	International Coordinating Committee of NHRIs
ICON	International Journal of Constitutional Law
IIDH	Instituto Interamericano de Derecho Humanos
ILC	International Law Commission
INDH	Instituto Nacional de Derechos Humanos
INDDHH	Institución Nacional de Derechos Humanos y Defensoría del Pueblo
IN-LAW	Informal International Lawmaking Project
Int'l Org.	International Organization
INTPA	EU Directorate-General for International Partnerships
IPA	International Public Authority
J. Hum. Rts. Pract.	Journal of Human Rights Practice
J. Lat. Am. St.	Journal of Latin American Studies
JORF	Journal officiel de la République française (France)
L.C.P.	Law and Contemporary Problems
LGBTI	Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people
LIBE	Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament
MIPs	Multi-annual indicative programmes
MP	Member of Parliament
NANHRI	Network of African NHRIs
NDICI	Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument
NGO(s)	Non-governmental organisation(s)

NHRI(s)	National Human Rights Institution(s)
Nord. J. Int'l L.	Nordic Journal of International Law
NPM	National Preventive Mechanism
N.Q.Hum.Rts.	Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights
OAS	Organization of American States
ODIHR	Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
OGF	Official Gazette of the Federation (Mexico)
OHCHR	Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
OP-CAT	Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
OSCE	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
RAXEN	European Information Network on Racism and Xenophobia
Revista IIDH	Revista Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos
RINDHCA	Network of NHRIs from the Americas
RIOOD	Red Iberoamericana de Organismos y Organizaciones contra la Discriminación
SCA	Sub-Committee on Accreditation of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions
SCJN	National Supreme Court of Justice (Mexico)
Soc. Forces	Social Forces (journal)
SRHR	EU Special Representative for Human Rights
TEU	Treaty on European Union
Tex.L.Rev.	Texas Law Review
UN	United Nations
UNAM	National Autonomous University of Mexico
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly

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