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List of abbreviations

Costa Rica

CAFTA	Central American Free Trade Agreement
CEREPP	<i>Comisión Especial de Reformas Electorales y Partidos Políticos</i> – Special Committee on Electoral Reform and Political Parties
ML	<i>Movimiento Libertario</i> – Libertarian Movement
PAC	<i>Partido Acción Ciudadana</i> – Citizen's Action Party
PI	<i>Partido Independiente</i> – Independent Party
PLN	<i>Partido de Liberación Nacional</i> – National Liberation Party
PRD	<i>Partido Renovación Democrática</i> – Democratic Renovation Party
PUSC	<i>Partido de la Unidad Social Cristiana</i> – Social Cristian Unity Party
UNIORE	<i>Union Interamericana de Organizaciones Electorales</i> – Interamerican Union of Electoral Organizations
TSE	<i>Tribunal Supremo de Elecciones</i> – Supreme Electoral Tribunal

Mexico

AMLO	Andres Manuel López Obrador, presidential PRD candidate in 2006/2012
CENCA	<i>Comisión Ejecutiva de Negociación y Construcción de Acuerdo del Congreso de la Unión</i> – Executive Committee for the Negotiation and Construction of an Agreement of the Congress of the Union
CFE	<i>Comisión Federal Electoral</i> – Federal Electoral Committee
FPPM	<i>Federación de Partidos del Pueblo Mexicano</i> – Party Federation of the Mexican People
IFE	<i>Instituto Federal Electoral</i> – Federal Electoral Institute
INE	<i>Instituto Nacional de Elecciones</i> – National Electoral Institute
PAN	<i>Partido de Acción Nacional</i> – National Action Party
PARM	<i>Partido Auténtico de la Revolución Mexicana</i> – Authentic Party of the Mexican Revolution
PCM	<i>Partido Comunista Mexicano</i> – Mexican Communist Party
PDM	<i>Partido Demócrata Mexicano</i> – Mexican Democratic Party
PFP	<i>Partido Fuerza Popular</i> – Popular Force Party
PNA	<i>Partido Nueva Alianza</i> – New Alliance Party
PNR	<i>Partido Nacional Revolucionario</i> – National Revolutionary Party
PPS	<i>Partido Popular Socialista</i> – Popular Socialist Party
PRI	<i>Partido Revolucionario Institucional</i> – Institutional Revolutionary Party
PRM	<i>Partido de la Revolución Mexicana</i> – Party of the Mexican Revolution
PSD	<i>Partido Socialdemócrata</i> – Social Democratic Party

PSN	<i>Partido de la Sociedad Nacionalista</i> – Party of the Nationalist Society
PT	<i>Partido de Trabajadores</i> – Workers’ Party
PVEM	<i>Partido Verde Ecologista de México</i> – Mexican Green Ecologist Party
TEPJF	<i>Tribunal Electoral del Poder Judicial de la Federación</i> – Federal Electoral Tribunal

Colombia

AD/M-19	<i>Alianza Democrática M-19</i> – M-19 Democratic Alliance
CE	<i>Corte Electoral</i> – Electoral Court
CNE	<i>Consejo Nacional Electoral</i> – National Electoral Council
ELN	<i>Ejército de Liberación Nacional</i> – National Liberation Army
FN	<i>Frente Nacional</i> – National Front Agreement
FARC	<i>Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia</i> – Colombian Revolutionary Armed Forces
M-19	<i>Movimiento 19 de Abril</i> – 19 th of April Movement
MSN	<i>Movimiento de Salvación Nacional</i> – National Salvation Movement
PCC	<i>Partido Conservador Colombiano</i> – Colombian Conservative Party
PCR	<i>Partido Cambio Radical</i> – Radical Change Party
PD	<i>Polo Democrático</i> – Democratic Pole
PDA	<i>Polo Democrático Alternativo</i> – Alternative Democratic Pole
PLC	<i>Partido Liberal Colombiano</i> – Colombian Liberal Party
PSUN	<i>Partido Social de Unidad Nacional</i> – Social Party of National Unity (also known as <i>Partido de la U[ribe]</i> – U[ribe]’s Party)

Argentina

AGN	<i>Auditoría General de la Nación</i> – National General Auditor
ARI	<i>Alternativa para una República de Iguales</i> – Alternative for a Republic of Equals
CNE	<i>Cámara Nacional Electoral</i> – National Electoral Chamber
FCE	<i>Corte Federal Electoral</i> – Federal Electoral Court
FpV	<i>Frente para la Victoria</i> – Front for Victory
FREJULI	<i>Frente Justicialista de Liberación</i> – Justicialist Liberation Front
FREPASO	<i>Frente País Solidario</i> – Front for a Country in Solidarity
MPF	<i>Movimiento Popular Fueguino</i> – Fuego People’s Movement
MPN	<i>Movimiento Popular Neuquino</i> – Neuquén People’s Movement
PJ	<i>Partido Justicialista</i> – Justicialist Party
PP	<i>Partido Peronista</i> – Peronist Party
UCR	<i>Unión Cívica Radical</i> – Radical Civic Union

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