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African Union	AU
American Convention on Human Rights	ACHR
Articles on the Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts	ARSIWA
Control Council Law 10	CCL10
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	DPRK
Democratic Republic of the Congo	DRC
European Court of Human Rights	ECtHR
European Union	EU
Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia	ECCC
Inter-American Convention on Forced Disappearance of Persons	IACFDR
Inter-American Court of Human Rights	IACtHR
International Committee of the Red Cross	ICRC
International Court of Justice	ICJ
International Criminal Court	ICC
International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia	ICTY
International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda	ICTR
International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism for Syria	IIIM-Syria
International Law Commission	ILC
International Whaling Commission	IWC
Islamic State of Iraq and Syria	ISIS
Malaysia Airlines Flight 17	MH17
People's Republic of China	PRC
Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court	ICC Statute
Special Court for Sierra Leone	SCSL
Special Tribunal for Lebanon	STL
United Kingdom	UK
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	USSR
United States	US
Universal Declaration of Human Rights	UDHR
United Nations	UN
United Nations Administrative Tribunal	UNAT
United Nations Human Rights Council	UNHRC
Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties	VCLT
World Health Organisation	WHO