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List of Principal Acronyms and Abbreviations

ADR	Active Debris Removal
CAM	Collision Avoidance Manoeuvre
CONFERS	Consortium for Execution of Rendezvous and Servicing Operations
COPUOS	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UN)
COSPAR	Committee on Space Research
ESA	European Space Agency
FCC	Federal Communications Commission (US)
GEO	Geostationary Orbit
GGE	Group of Governmental Experts
IAA	International Academy of Astronautics
IADC	Inter-Agency Debris Coordination Committee
ICJ	International Court of Justice
IGA	Intergovernmental Agreement (ISS)
IISL	International Institute of Space Law
ILC	International Law Commission
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ISS	International Space Station
ITAR	International Traffic in Arms Regulations (US)
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
JAXA	Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency
LEO	Low Earth Orbit
LSC	Legal Subcommittee (COPUOS)
LTS	Long-Term Sustainability
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration (US)
NDCs	Nationally Determined Contributions
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OEWG	Open-Ended Working Group
OOS	On-Orbit Servicing
OST	Outer Space Treaty
RPO	Rendezvous and Proximity Operations
SSA	Space Situational Awareness
SSC	Space Safety Coalition
SSN	Space Surveillance Network
SSR	Space Sustainability Rating
STSC	Scientific and Technical Subcommittee (COPUOS)
SWF	Secure World Foundation
TCBMs	Transparency and Confidence-Building Measures
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations

UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
UNOOSA	United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs
UNSG	United Nations Secretary-General
US	United States
VCLT	Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties