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Abbreviations

ADG	Assistant Director General
AIDS	Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome
APHIS	The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
ASRM	American Society for Reproductive Medicine
AVMA	American Veterinary Medical Association
BSE	Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy
rBGH	recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone
rBST	recombinant Bovine Somatotropin
CAC	Codex Alimentarius Commission
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CFC	Chloro Fluoro Carbon
CGRFA	Commission on Genetic Resources in Food and Agriculture
CICP	Centre for International Crime Prevention of the United Nations
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
CE	Committee on Ethics (FAO)
CGIAR	Consultative Group on International Agriculture Research
CMS	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
CSA	Community Supported Agriculture
CSD	Commission on Sustainable Development
CSO	Civil Society Organization
DAC	Development Assistance Committee (OECD)
DDT	Dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane
DES	Diethylstilboestrol
DG	Director General
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
DST	Department of Science and Technology (India)
ECOSOC	Economic and Social council of United Nations
ELSI	Ethical Legal Social Implications

EPA	Environment Protection Agency
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations
FCE	Feed Conversion Efficiency
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
GATT	General Agreement on Tariff and Trade
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GE	Genetic Engineering
GEAC	Genetic Engineering Approval Committee
GM	Genetic Modification or Genetically Modified
GMO	Genetically Modified Organism
GR	Genetic Resources
GRAS	Generally recognized as safe
HACCP	Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point
HDR	Human Development report (UNDP)
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency virus
HUGO	Human Genome Organisation
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development
ICTs	Information and communications technologies
IEC	Institutional Ethics Committee
IFAD	International Fund for Agriculture Development
IOMC	Inter-Organization Program for the Sound Management of Chemicals
IPGRI	International Plant Genetic Resources Institute
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
IPPC	International Plant Protection Convention
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
IRB	Institutional Review Board
ISRIC	International Soil Reference and Information Centre
IVF	In vitro Fertilization
LIFDC	Low Income Food Deficit Countries
MNC	Multinational Corporation

NACO	National AIDS Control Organisation, India
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
ODCCP	United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
PAN	Pesticide Action Network in UK
PBT	Persistent Bio-accumulative and Toxic
PIC	Prior Informed Consent
PPP	People Participation Programme
R&D	Research and Development
RAFI	Rural Development Foundation International
RCGM	Review Committee on Genetic Modification (India)
SCE	Subcommittee on Ethics (FAO)
SPS	Sanitary and Phytosanitary Agreement, (on Trade, WTO)
SRD	Sustainable Rural Development
TCOR	Emergency Operation and rehabilitation Division (TC Dept FAO)
TIFAC	Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council
TRIPS	Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
TPS	The Technology Protection System
UN	United Nations
UNAIDS	United Nations AIDS Program
UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
UNED	United Nations Environment Development Program
UNEP	United Nations Environment Program
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
UNESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFPA	United Nations Population fund
UNHCR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund

UNICRI	United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute
UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USDA-ARS	United States Department of Agricultures- Agricultural Research Service
WB	World Bank
WCARRD	World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development
WCFS	World Commission on Forests and Sustainable Development
WFP	World Food Program
WFS	World Food Summit
WHC	World Heritage Convention
WHO	World Health Organisation
WTO	World Trade Organisation