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Alexander Boersma &
Eleonora Boersma-Francot

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACHR	American Convention on Human Rights
AfChHPR	African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights
AfCionHPR	African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights
AI	Amnesty International
AU	African Union
BPI	Bribe Payers Index
CAT	Committee Against Torture
CCL 10	Allied Control Council Law No. 10
CERD	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
CESCR	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
CEDAW	Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
CO	Concluding Observations
COE	Council of Europe
CPI	Corruption Perceptions Index
CRC	Committee on the Rights of the Child
DCC	Dutch Criminal Code
DGD	Day of General Discussion
DOJ	US Department of Justice
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
ECOWAS CCJ	ECOWAS Community Court of Justice
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation
FATF	Financial Action Task Force
FCPA	Foreign Corrupt Practices Act
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FEC	Far Eastern Commission
GA	General Assembly of the United Nations
GC	General Comment
GCB	Global Corruption Barometer
GCR	Global Corruption Report
GRECO	Group of States Against Corruption (COE)
HRC	UN Human Rights Committee
HRCion	Human Rights Commission
HRCouncil	Human Rights Council
HRW	Human Rights Watch

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IACAC	Inter-American Convention Against Corruption
IACionHR	Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
IACtHR	Inter-American Court of Human Rights
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICHRP	International Council on Human Rights Policy
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICL	International Criminal Law
ICPRMW	International Convention on the Protection of Rights of Migrant Workers
ICTR	International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
ICTY	International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia
ICVS	International Crime Victims Survey
ILC	International Law Commission
IMF	International Monetary Fund
KNCHR	Kenya National Commission on Human Rights
MESICIC	Follow-up Mechanism to the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption
MGs	Maastricht Guidelines on Violations of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
MNC	Multinational Corporation
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
NHRI	National human rights institution
OAS	Organization of American States
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OHCHR	Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
PCIJ	Permanent Court of International Justice
PFI Convention	Convention on the Protection of the European Communities' Financial Interests
PIL	Public Interest Litigation
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SC	Security Council of the United Nations
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission
SERAP	Social Economic Rights and Accountability Project
SR	Special Rapporteur
TI	Transparency International
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UN	United Nations
UNCAC	United Nations Convention Against Corruption
UNCRC	United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
UNCh	Charter of the United Nations

UNCTOC	United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime
UN.GIFT	United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
UNWCC	United Nations War Crimes Commission
UPR	Universal Periodic Review
VCLT	Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties
WB	World Bank
WGB	Working Group on Bribery (OECD)
WGC	working Group on Communications
WGS	Working Group on Situations
WTO	World Trade Organization
WW I	First World War
WW II	Second World War
WWF	World Wide Fund

