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PREFACE

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ATCA	Alien Tort Claims Act
AI	Amnesty International
AOG	armed opposition group
ATT	Arms Trade Treaty
APF	Asia-Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions
AHRC	Australian Human Rights Commission
BAPSC	British Association of Private Security Companies
BBC	British Broadcasting Company
CSCE	Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child
CPO	Croatian People's Ombudsman
SAAC	Defense Small Arms Advisory Council
DRMU	Disaster Relief Monitoring Unit
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
EU	European Union
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
HRW	Human Rights Watch
HRBAP	Human Rights-Based Approach to Programming
ICHS	Independent Commission on Human Security
IASC	Inter-Agency Standing Committee
IDP	internally displaced person
IANSAN	International Action Network on Small Arms
ICoC	International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers 2010
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICC NHRI	International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions
ICTR	International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
ICTY	International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia
ICG	International Crisis Group
IGO	international governmental organisations
ILC	International Law Commission
INGO	international non-governmental organisations
ISOA	International Stability Operations Association

LDC	least developing country
LTTE	Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelan
LRA	Lord's Resistance Army
SUHAKAM	Malaysian National Human Rights Commission
MNC	multinational corporation
NHRI	national human rights institution
NLM	National Liberation Movement
NRA	National Rifle Association
NGO	non-governmental organisation
NSA	non-State actor
PGA	Parliamentarians for Global Action
PMSC	private military and security company
PSCAI	Private Security Companies Association of Iraq
R2P	responsibility to protect
SALW	small arms and light weapons
SLHRC	Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission
TCO	terrorist and criminal organisation
TNE	transnational enterprise
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNSC	United Nations Security Council
US	United States
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
WTO	World Trade Organisation