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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AB Appellate Body (World Trade Organisation)

ALP Aids Law Project ARVs antiretrovirals

BI Boehringer Ingelheim
BITs bilateral investment treaties

CEDAW Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination

against Women

CESCR Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

CRC Committee on the Rights of the Child
DPSP Directive Principles of State Policy (India)

DSB Dispute Settlement Body (World Trade Organisation)

DSU Understanding on Rules and Procedures for the Settlement of

**Disputes** 

ECOSOC UN Economic and Social Council

EFPIA European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations

EMRs exclusive marketing rights

ESC rights economic, social and cultural rights FDA US Food and Drug Administration

FDI foreign direct investment FTAs free trade agreements GA UN General Assembly

GATS General Agreement on Trade in Services GATT General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

GDP gross domestic product GNI gross national income GSK GlaxoSmithKline

HAI Health Action International

HIV/AIDS human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency

syndrome

HRC UN Human Rights Council HRCee Human Rights Committee

HRCion UN Commission on Human Rights

ICCPR International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

ICERD International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial

Discrimination

ICESCR International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

ICJ International Court of Justice

IFPMA International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers &

Associations

#### List of Abbreviations

IIPA International Intellectual Property Alliance

ILC International Law Commission

IP intellectual property

IPRs intellectual property rights LDCs least-developed countries

MFN most-favoured nation treatment principle

NCE new chemical entity NDP National Drug Policy

NGO non-governmental organisation

NODPSP National Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy

(Uganda)

PhRMA Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America

PIL Public Interest Litigation

PMA Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Association

R&D research and development

SADC Southern African Development Community

TAC Treatment Action Campaign

TB Tuberculosis

TRIPS Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights

UDHR Universal Declaration of Human Rights

ULRC Uganda Law Reform Commission

UN United Nations

UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund
USTR United States Trade Representative

VCLT Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties

WHA World Health Assembly WHO World Health Organisation

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organisation

WTO World Trade Organisation