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*The turtle makes progress only  
when he sticks his neck out.*

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CEDAW-Convention	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CESCR	United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
CHR	United Nations Commission on Human Rights
COs	Concluding observations
CSW	United Nations Commission on the Status of Women
DAW	United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
ECHR	European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms
ECOSOC	United Nations Economic and Social Council
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
GA	General Assembly
GCs	General Comments
HRC	United Nations Human Rights Committee
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ILO	International Labour Organisation
OHCHR	Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
SC	United Nations Security Council
SR	Summary records
STDs	Sexually Transmitted Diseases
UN	United Nations
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UNICEF	United Nations Children’s Fund
WHO	World Health Organisation

