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## Abbreviations

AC	Appeals Chamber
ACHR	American Convention on Human Rights
ACHPR	African Convention on Human and Peoples' Rights
AComHPR	African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights
ACtHPR	African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights
AFRC	Armed Forces Revolutionary Council
AP	Additional Protocol
APC	All People's Congress
Art	Article
ASP	Assembly of States Parties
ASR	Articles on State Responsibility
AU	African Union
AUC	Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia
AVRE	Apoyo a Víctimas de Violencia Socio-Político Recuperación Emocional
AWWA	Amputees and War Wounded Association
Basic Principles	Basic Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Remedy and Reparation for Victims of Gross Violations of Human Rights Law and Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law
Ca	Circa
CAJAR	Colectivo de Abogados "José Alvear Restrepo"
CARICOM	Caribbean Community and Common Market
CAT	Committee Against Torture
CCJ	Comisión Colombiana de Juristas
CDF	Civil Defence Forces
CED	Convention / Commission on Enforced Disappearances
CEDAW	Convention / Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CERAC	Centro de Recursos Para el Análisis de Conflictos

## *Abbreviations*

CERD	Convention / Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
CESCR	Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
CEU	Council of the European Union
Cf	Confer (compare)
Ch	Chapter
CHCV	Comisión Histórica del Conflicto y sus Víctimas
CINEP	Centro de Investigación y Educación Popular
CNMH	Centro Nacional de Memoria Histórica
CODHES	Consultoría Para los Derechos Humanos y el Desplazamiento
CoE	Council of Europe
COHRE	Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions
CONPES	Consejo Nacional de Política Económica y Social
CRAV	Centros Regionales de Atención y Reparación a Víctimas
CRC	Convention / Committee on the Rights of the Child
CSMLV	Comisión de Seguimiento y Monitoreo a la Implementación de la Ley 1448 de 2011
DDR	Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration
DRC	Democratic Republic of the Congo
ECHR	Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (European Convention on Human Rights)
ECJ	European Court of Justice
EComHR	European Commission of Human Rights
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
ECSR	European Committee of Social Rights
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
Ed / Eds	Editor / Editors
EECC	Ehtiopia-Eritrea Claims Commission
e.g.	Exempli gratia (for example)
ELN	Ejército de Liberación Nacional
EPL	Ejército Popular de Liberación

ERE	Estratégia de Recuperación Emocional al Nivel Grupal
Esp	Especially
Et al.	Et alia (and others)
ETS	European Treaty Series
EU	European Union
f. / ff.	Folio (and the following)
FARC-EP	Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia – Ejército del Pueblo
Final Agreement	Final Agreement to End the Armed Conflict and Build a Stable and Lasting Peace
Fn	Footnote
FPLC	Forces Patriotiques Pour la Liberation du Congo
FRA	Fundamental Rights Agency (European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights)
FRPI	Force de Résistance Patriotique d'Ituri
GC	General Comment
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HRC	Human Rights Council
HRCom	Human Rights Committee
HRW	Human Rights Watch
IACtHR	Inter-American Court of Human Rights
IAComHR	Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICMW	International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
IComJ	International Commission of Jurists
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
ICTJ	International Center for Transitional Justice
ICSID	International Center for the Settlement of Investment Disputes

## *Abbreviations*

ICTR	International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
ICTY	International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia
IDMC	Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre
i.e.	Id est (that is)
ILA	International Law Association
ILC	International Law Commission
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IRIN	Integrated Regional Information Network
ITLOS	International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
IUSCT	Iran-United States Claims Tribunal
LRV	Legal Representative for Victims
M-19	Movimiento de 19 de Abril
MAS	Muerte a Secuestreadores
MPTF	Multi-Partner Trust Fund
MSEN	Multi-Sourced Equivalent Norms
NAARC	National African American Reparations Commission
NaCSA	National Commission for Social Action
NASSIT	National Social Security and Assurance Trust
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
No	Number
NPFL	National Patriotic Front of Liberia
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
OPCV	Office of Public Counsel for Victims
P	Page
Para	Paragraph
PAPSIVI	Programa de Atención Psicosocial y Salud Integral a Víctimas
PBF	Peacebuilding Fund
PCIJ	Permanent Court of International Justice
PHR	Physicians for Human Rights
PIRC	Plan Integral de Reparación Colectiva
PPP	Programa por la Paz

PrepCom	Preparatory Committee
PTC	Pre-Trial Chamber
PTSD	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
RIAA	Reports of International Arbitral Awards
RPE	Rules of Procedure and Evidence
RTDAF	Registro de Tierras Despojadas o Abandonadas Forzosamente
RUF	Revolutionary United Front
RUPTA	Registro Único de Predios y Territorios Abandonados
RUV	Registro Único de Víctimas
SCSL	Special Court for Sierra Leone
Sec	Section
Ser	Series
SIJVRNR	Sistema Integral de Justicia, Verdad, Reparación y No-Repetición
SLA	Sierra Leone Army
SLPP	Sierra Leone People's Party
SLTRC	Sierra Leone Truth and Reconciliation Commission
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
TC	Trial Chamber
TFV	Trust Fund for Victims
TRC	Truth and Reconciliation Commission
TWAIL	Third World Approaches to International Law
UN	United Nations
UNCC	United Nations Compensation Commission
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNSC	United Nations Security Council
UNTS	United Nations Treaty Series
UP	Unión Patriótica

*Abbreviations*

UPC(/RP)	Union de Patriotes Congolais(/Reconciliation et Paix)
URT	Unidad de Restitución de Tierras
USAid	United States Agency for International Development
USD	United States Dollars
VCLT	Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties
Vol	Volume
VPRS	Victims Participation and Reparations Section
WGEID	Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances
WOLA	Washington Office on Latin America
WTO	World Trade Organization
ZDF	Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen