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List of abbreviations

ACHR	American Convention on Human Rights ('Pact of San José'); In this work also shortly referred to as the 'Convention')
AfrCHPR	African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights ('Banjul Charter')
AfrCHPR Protocol	Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Establishment of an African Court on Human and People's Rights
AfrComHPR	African Commission on Human and People's Rights
AfrCtHPR	African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights
American Declaration	American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man
Art.	Article
AU	African Union
Cf.	compare
CJEU	Court of Justice of the European Union
CIS Convention	Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of the Commonwealth of Independent States
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
Covenant	Covenant of the League of Nations
CUP	Cambridge University Press
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights (Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms)
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council of the United Nations

List of abbreviations

ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
e.g.	for example
et. seq.	and the following
EU	European Union
HRC	Human Rights Committee
IACHR	Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
IACtHR	Inter-American Court of Human Rights
Ibid.	Ibidem / in the same place
Idem.	the same
ICJ	International Court of Justice
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IIDH	Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos (Inter-American Institute of Human Rights)
ILC	International Law Commission
ILO	International Labor Organization
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IOM	International Organization for Migration
ITLOS	International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
LGBTIQ*	People who have identified themselves as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, or ques- tioning, or any other kind of sexual identity or sexual orientation other than that of cisgender and heterosexual
LNOJ	League of Nations Official Journal
mn.	margin number
NGOs	Non-governmental organizations
OAS	Organization of American States
OC	Opinión Consultiva (Spanish for: Advisory Opin- ion)

OC-1/82	This abbreviation indicates for example, that this was the first advisory opinion adopted in the year 1982.
OUP	Oxford University Press
Para.	Paragraph
PCIJ	Permanent Court of International Justice
Protocol of San Salvador	Additional Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights in the Area of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
SC	United Nations Security Council
SCSL	Special Court for Sierra Leone
TFEU	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
UN	United Nations
UN Covenants	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
UNCIO	United Nations Conference on International Organization
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
UNTS	United Nations Treaty Series
US or United States	United States of America
VCLT	Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties
WHO	World Health Organization

