Part II
Acronyms and Abbreviations

An asterisk (*) refers to this term in Part I, the Dictionary

A
AAA *Accra Agenda for Action
AAH Action Against Hunger
AAM Air-to-air *missile
AB *Atom bomb, *atomic bomb
ABC Airway, breathing, circulation (emergency medicine)
   Atomic, biological, chemical (weapons)
ABM *Antiballistic missile
ABU Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union
AC Arctic Council
ACC Administrative Committee on Coordination (United Nations)
ACF Action Contre la Faim (Action Against Hunger: AAH)
ACGHST African Centre for Global Health and Social Transformation
ACHPR African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights
ACLS *Advanced cardiac life support
ACCORD Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development
ACS *American College of Surgeons
ACSM Advocacy, communication and social mobilization
ACT Action by Churches Together
ACTED Artemisinin-based combination therapy (against malaria)
   Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development
ACUNS *Academic Council on the United Nations System
ADB African Development Bank
AsDB Asian Development Bank
ADI Acceptable daily intake (of toxic substance)
ADP Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (AIT)
ADRA Adventist Development and Relief Agency
AERE Atomic Energy Research Establishment (UK – Harwell)
AEROSAT International Aeronautic Satellite Programme
AFB Acid-fast bacilli
AFP Agence France Presse
AFRO Regional Office for Africa (WHO)
AFY Advocates for Youth
AGBU Armenian General Benevolent Union
AGFUND Arab Gulf Fund for United Nations Development
AGM Air-to-ground *missile
A(H1N1) Porcine influenza virus strain
   *Swine influenza virus pandemic 2009
AHCO AIDS Healthcare Organization
AHH Arbeitsstabs Humanitäre Hilfe (Germany)
AHP SR Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research (WHO)
AI *Amnesty International  
AID United States Agency for International Development (also USAID)  
AIDES Italian association for health development  
*AIDS/Aids *Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (also HIV/AIDS)  
AIFOMD Association Internationale de Formateurs en Objectifs du Millénaire pour le Développement / IAMDGT  
AIS Abbreviated injury scale  
AIT Asian Institute of Technology  
AIUTA Association Internationale des Universités du Troisième Age  
AKF *Aga Khan Foundation  
*ALARA *As low as reasonably achievable (radiation dose)  
ALDHU Latin American Human Rights Association  
ALITE Augmented Logistics Intervention Team (WFP)  
*ALS *Advanced life support (anaesthesia, emergency)  
AM Transmission through amplitude modulation  
AMA American Medical Association  
AMAP Arctic Monitoring Assessment Programme  
AMDF AIDS-adjusted PMDF  
AMELISAP Association des Médecins Libéraux Sapeurs Pompiers  
AMI Acute myocardial infarction  
AMP Agence de Médecine Préventive  
AMPATH Academic Model for Prevention and Treatment of HIV/AIDS  
AmRC/ARC American Red Cross  
*AMRO Regional Office for the Americas (WHO)  
AMSAT Amateur satellite  
AMVER Automated Mutual Assistance Vessel Rescue  
ANC Antenatal care  
African National Congress (South Africa)  
AP Associated Press  
*APACHE *Acute physiology and chronic health evaluation  
APCDM *Asia-Pacific Conference on Disaster Medicine  
API Active pharmaceutical ingredient  
APM Asociación Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo (Association of Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo – Argentina)  
APOC African Programme for Onchocerciasis Control (WHO)  
APPS African Partnership for Public Health Safety  
APT *Association for the Prevention of Torture  
APU *Auxiliary power unit  
ARABSAT Arab Satellite Communications Organization  
ARC American Refugee Committee  
ARCDM All-Russian Centre for Disaster Medicine *Zaschita  
ARD *Acute respiratory disease (or distress)  
ARI Annual risk of infection  
ARPCT Alliance for Restoration of Peace and Counter-Terrorism  
ARSI *Association of Rural Surgeons of India  
ART Antiretroviral therapy  
ARV Antiretrovirus  
ASAFED African Association of Education for Development  
ASAP As soon as possible  
ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations  
ASH Action on Smoking and Health  
ASI Anti-Slavery International  
ATA Actual time of arrival  
ATD Actual time of departure  
ATLS *Advanced trauma life support  
ATOP *Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention  
ATTAC *Attac. (French): Association pour une Taxation des Transactions financières pour l’Aide aux Citoyens
ATWC Alaska *Tsunami Warning Center
AU African Union (previously OAU: Organization of African Unity)
AVPU *Awake, verbal response, pain response, unresponsive
AVSI Association of Volunteers in International Service
AWACS Airborne Warning and Control System
AWRE Atomic Weapons Research Establishment
B
BAL British anti-lewisite
BBC British Broadcasting Corporation
*BCG *Bacille Calmette-Guérin (anti-TB vaccine)
BCT (WHO Department of) Blood Safety and Clinical Technology
BDP Bureau for Development Policy (UNDP)
BDS *Bradford Disaster Scale
BENELUX Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg
BHR Bureau for Humanitarian Response (US-OFDA)
*BLEVE *Boiling liquid expanded vapour explosion
BLS *Basic life support
BMA British Medical Association
BMI Body mass index
BMR *Basal metabolic rate
BMS Breast milk substitute
BOD *Burden of disease
BP Medicine: Blood pressure
Industry: British Petroleum
*Bq *Becquerel (unit of nuclear activity that has replaced the curie)
BRICS Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa (major emerging countries)
*BSA *Body surface area (of burn injury)
BSE *Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (mad cow disease)
BTS *Blood transfusion service
BW *Biological warfare/biological weapon(s)
BWC *Biological Weapons Convention
C
°C Celsius (degree of heat; has replaced the centigrade)
C³ Command, control and communications
CAD Coronary artery disease
CAF Cost and freight
CAFOD Catholic Fund for Overseas Development
Cal Calorie (unit of heat)
CALD Culturally and linguistically diverse
CARE Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere
CARICOM Caribbean Community and Common Market
*CARITAS *International Confederation of Catholic Organizations for Charitable and Social Action
CARTA Consortium for Advanced Research Training in Africa
CAS Collision avoidance system
CASs Country assistance strategies
CASA Coordinating Action on Small Arms
CAT *Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
CATW Coalition Against Trafficking in Women
CBC Community-based care
CBD Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
CBJO Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations
CBO Community-based organization
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<td>Cubic centimetre</td>
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CIHC Center for International Health and Cooperation  
CIHR Canadian Institutes of Health Research  
CIGLOB International Center for Globalization and Development  
CIF Cost, insurance and freight  
CILSS Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the *Sahel  
CIM Committee for International Migration  
CIMIC Civilian-military cooperation  
CINDI Children in Distress International  
CIOMS Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences  
CIPIH Commission on Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation and Public Health (WHO)  
CISFAM Consolidated Information System for *Famine Management in Africa  
CISP Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli  
CISR Center for International Stabilization and Recovery (of *landmines)  
CITES Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora  
CIVICUS World Alliance for Citizen Participation  
CLAS Culturally and linguistically appropriate health services  
cm Centimetre  
CMA *Cranfield Mine Action Canadian Medical Association  
CMH Commission on Macroeconomics and Health (WHO)  
CMI Crop moisture index  
CMR Crude mortality rate  
CND Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament  
CNN Cable News Network  
CNS Central nervous system  
CO₂ *Carbon dioxide  
COC Combined oral contraceptive  
COD Cash on delivery  
COHRED *Council on Health Research for Development  
COMPAS Commodity Movement Processing and Analysis System (WFP)  
COMSAT Communications Satellite Corporation  
CONGO Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council  
COPD Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease  
COR UNUM Coordination of Roman Catholic Relief Agencies  
COSECSA College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa  
COSME Operational Coordination of Medical Emergencies Surveillance (Italy)  
COVAW Coalition on *Violence Against Women  
CPI/TI *Corruption Perceptions Index of Transparency International  
PfiE Child Protection in Emergencies  
CPR *Cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
CR (E) Casualty rate (estimation)  
CRC Committee on the Rights of the Child  
*CRED *Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (Belgium)  
CRS Catholic Relief Services  
CSB *Corn-soya blend  
CSD Commission on *Sustainable Development  
CSIRO Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (Australia)  
CSM *Corn-soya milk  
CSO Civil Service Organization  
CSOPP Civil Society Organizations and Participation Programme (UNDP)  
CSOU *Civil Society and Outreach Unit (UN-DSPD)
CSR  Corporate social responsibility
CSW  Commercial sex worker
CTBT  Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty
CTBTO  Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban-Treaty Organization
CTS  Communications Technology Satellite
CTV  Centre for Torture Victims (Bosnia-Herzegovina)
CUI  *Chernobyl Union International
CUSO  Canadian University Services Overseas
CVA  *Cerebrovascular accident
CVD  Cardiovascular disease
CVM  Complex of vitamins and minerals
CW  *Chemical warfare/chemical weapon
CWC  *Chemical Weapons Convention
CWGL  Center for Women’s Global Leadership
CWS  Church World Service

D

DAC  Development Assistance Committee (OECD)
DALE  *Disability-adjusted life expectancy
DALY(s)  *Disability-adjusted life year(s)
DANIDA  Danish International Development Agency
DARA  *Development Assistance Research Associates
DART  Disaster Assistance Response Team (US/AID and Canada)
DAW  Division for the Advancement of Women (UN)
DBS  Direct broadcast satellite
DCCP  Disaster critical control point
DCI  Defence of Children International/DEI: Défense des Enfants International
DCF  Development Cooperation Forum
DDA  Department of Disarmament Affairs (UN)
DDD  Direct distance dialling
DDR  Disarmament, demobilization and reintegration
DDT  Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (insecticide)
DDW  Das Diakonische Werk – German church service
DECAF  *Democratic Control of Armed Forces/Geneva
DECHIPHer  Centre for the Development and Evaluation of Complex Interventions for Public Health Improvement
DELNET  Development local network (*ILO)
DESA  Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN)
DEW  Distant Early Warning (military radar network)
DFCM  *Dried full-cream milk
DFID  Department for Foreign International Development (UK)
DHA  *UN Department of Humanitarian Affairs (see OCHA)
DHD  *Disaster health diplomacy
DHS  Demographic and health surveys
DIANE  Direct Information Access Network for Europe
*DNA  *Deoxyribonucleic acid
DNDi  *Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative
DNR  Do not resuscitate
DOA/d.o.a.  Dead on arrival
DoC  Declaration of commitment
DOC  Direct operating costs
DocIP  Documentation Centre for Indigenous Peoples’ Research and Information
DOTS  Directly observed treatment short course (for TB, WHO)
DP  Displaced person(s)
DPA  Department of Political Affairs (UN)
DPI  Department of Public Information/UN
Disabled Peoples’ International
**DPKO** *UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations

**DPLU** Disaster Prevention and Limitation Unit (*Bradford University, UK)

**DPT** *Diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus* (vaccine)

**DRC** Danish Refugee Council

**DRK** Deutsches Rotes Kreuz (German Red Cross)

**DRS** Drug resistance surveillance (or survey)

**DRSE** Drug-related side effects

**DSA** Daily subsistence allowance

**DSM** *Dried skim milk

**DSPD** Division of Social Policy and Development (UN-DESA)

**DWH** Deutsche Welthungerhilfe (German hunger aid)

**DWM** *Dried whole milk

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**E**

**EAC** East African Community

**EAFORD** International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

**EBM** Evidence-based medicine

**EBU/UER** European Broadcasting Union/Union Européenne de Radiodiffusion

**EDM** (WHO Department of) Essential Drugs and Medicines Policy

**EC** European Commission

**ECA** Economic Commission for Africa

**ECB** European Central Bank

**ECDC** European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

**ECE** Economic Commission for Europe

**ECFMG** Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates (USA)

**ECHO** *European Community Humanitarian Office (EU)

**ECHUI** Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative

**ECLAC** Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UN)

**ECLS** Extracorporeal life support

**ECOSOC** Economic and Social Council of the United Nations

**ECOWAS** Economic Community of West African States

**ECP** Essential clinical package

**ECPAT** End Child Prostitution in Asian Tourism International

**ECWA** Economic Commission for Western Asia

**ED/EM** Essential drugs/essential medicines

**EFA** Education for All

**EFNA** Emergency Food Needs assessment

**EHA** Emergency and Humanitarian Action (WHO)

*eHealth** Electronic health

**EHESS** L’École de Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales

**EHRP** Emergency Humanitarian Response Plan

**EIA** Environmental impact assessment

**EMERCOM** Emergency Committee (Russia)

**EMMIR** Emergency military medical assistance (France)

**EMOP** Emergency operation

**EMP** *Electromagnetic pulse

**EMRIP** UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

**EMRO** Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (WHO)

**EMS** *Emergency medical services

**ENEAA** (Italian Committee for) Nuclear Energy and Alternative Energies

**ENSO** *El Niño – Southern Oscillation* (meteorology)

**EOC** Emergency operations centre

**EOE** Equal opportunity employer

**EPA** Environmental Protection Agency (USA)
**EPGH** European Partnership in Global Health  
**EPHI** Essential Public Health Interventions  
**EPI** *Expanded Programme on Immunization (WHO-UNICEF)*  
**EPRP** Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan  
**EPSCO** Employment, Social Policy, and Health and Consumer Affairs Council  
**EQA** External quality assessment  
**ERC** Emergency Relief Coordinator – UN New York  
**ER&FS** Early Recovery and Food Security work plan  
**ERM** *Emergency Risk Management and Humanitarian Response (WHO)* (previously HAC and ERO)  
**ERNA** Early Recovery Needs Assessment  
**ERTS** Earth Resources Technology Satellite  
**ESA** European Space Agency  
**ESCAP** Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN)  
**ESPRIT** European Strategic Programme for Research and Development in Information Technology  
**ETA** Expected time of arrival  
**ETD** Expected time of departure  
**ETR** Expected time of return  
**EU** European Union  
**EURO/Euro** Regional Office for Europe (WHO)  
**Expat** Expatriate person  

**FAO** *Food and Agriculture Organization/UN*  
**f.a.q.** Commerce/shipping: Free alongside quay  
**FAR** *Fund for Armenian Relief*  
**FAS** Commerce/shipping: Free alongside ship  
**FAWE** Forum for African Women Educationalists  
**FBO** Faith-based organization  
**FCM** *Full cream milk powder*  
**FDA** Food and Drug Administration (USA)  
**FDC** Fixed-dose combination  
**FDI** Foreign direct investment  
**FBI** Federal Bureau of Investigation (USA)  
**FBC** Focal brain ischaemia  
**FFH/CAFD** Freedom From Hunger – Campaign Action For Development  
**FFR** Food for recovery  
**FFW** Food for work  
**FGM** *Female genital mutilation*  
**FHI** Food for the Hungry International  
**FHR** Medicine: foetal heart rate  
**FICSA** Former International Civil Servants’ Association (UN)  
**FIDH** International Federation for Human Rights  
**FIGO** Fédération Internationale de Gynécologie et Obstétrique  
**FIND** *Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics*  
**FMEA** Failure mode and effects analysis (also HC-FMEA)  
**FOB** Commerce: free on board  
**f.o.s.** Commerce: free on ship  
**f.o.t.** Commerce: free of tax  
**FPC** Fish protein concentrate  
**FPIC** Free, prior and informed consent
ft  Foot or feet (measure)
FXBI  *Association François-Xavier
Bagnoud/FXB International
FYI/f.y.i.  For your information

G

g  Gram or gramme
G8  Group of eight leading rich industrial countries
G20  *Group of 20 leading rich industrial countries
G77  Group of 77 developing, non-aligned countries
GAA  German Agro Action
GACD  Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases
GAIN  *Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition
GAINS  Gender Awareness Information and Networking System
gal  Gallon
GARP  Global Atmosphere Research Programme
GAVI  *Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization
GBD  Global burden of disease
GBV  Gender-based violence
GCCA  Global Climate Change Alliance
GCI  *Green Cross International
GCIM  Global Commission on International Migration
GCS  *Glasgow Coma Scale
GCSF  Global *Civil Society Forum
GDA  Global Development Alliance (USAID)
GDF  Global Drug Facility (e.g. against tuberculosis)

GDP/gdp  Gross domestic product
GenCap  Gender Standby Capacity Project
*GEO  Group on Earth Observations
GFAT  *Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (also GF)
GFHR  *Global Forum for Health Research

GFMER  Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research
GFR  General fertility rate
GH  *Global health
GHC/WHO  *Global Health Cluster/WHO
GHD  *Global health diplomacy
*Good Humanitarian Donorship
GHF  Geneva Health Forum
GHG  (Global) *greenhouse gas
GHP  Global Health Partnership (WHO)
GHWA  Global Health Workforce Alliance
GIAN  Geneva International Academic Network
GIEESC  *Global Initiative for Emergency and Essential Surgical Care (WHO)
GIIDS  *Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Graduate Institute, Geneva)
GINA  Geneva International Network on Ageing
GIPRI  Geneva International Peace Research Institute
GIS  Geographic information systems
GISAH  Global Information System on Alcohol and Health
GIVS  Global Immunization Vision and Strategy
GLI  Global Laboratory Initiative

Global Fund  *Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria
GLOBE  Global Legislators Organization for a Balanced Environment
GMAD  Global Mine Action Directory
GMDS  Global Maritime Distress and Safety System
GMEF  Global Ministerial Environment Forum
GMF  Genetically modified food
GMO  Genetically modified organism
GMP/WHO  *Good manufacturing practices (WHO model)
GMT  Greenwich Mean Time
GNI  Gross national income
GNP *Gross national product  
GO Governmental organization  
GOARN Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network  
*GOES Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite / *Global-Observing Environmental Satellite  
GOS Global Observing System  
GPEI Global Polio Eradication Initiative  
GPS Global Positioning System  
GPSC Global Patient Safety Challenge (WHO)  
GRID Global Resource Information Database  
GRIIPP Global Review and Inventory of Population Policies  
GRT Gross register tonnage  
GSO Geostationary satellite orbit  
Gy *Gray (Unit of radioactive absorbed dose)  

H  

H1N1 Swine influenza virus strain (*pandemic)  
H5N1 *Avian influenza virus strain (*epidemic)  
H2O *Water  
HAV *Hepatitis A virus  
HABITAT United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS)  
HAC Health Action in Crises (WHO) (changed to *ERM)  
HACCP Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point system  
HALE Health-adjusted life expectancy (see *QALY)  
HBC(s) High-burden countries  
HBV *Hepatitis B virus  
HC-FMEA Health care – failure modes and effects analysis  
HCHR *High Commissioner for Human Rights (also OHCHR, UNHCHR)  
HCR *High Commissioner for Refugees (also UNHCR)  
HDI Human development index  
HDR Humanitarian daily *ration  
HDS Department of Health Policy, Development and Services (WHO)  
HDTC Humanitarian Demining Training Center  
HE High energy (food)  
HELP Health Emergencies in Large Populations  
HEM High-energy milk (feeding mixture)  
HFA Hyogo Framework for Action  
HHS Health and Human Services Department (USA)  
HIC *High-income country  
HIID Harvard Institute for International Development  
HILAC Heavy-ion linear accelerator  
HIPC Heavily indebted poor countries  
HiT Health care systems in transition  
HIV *Human immunodeficiency virus  
HIV/AIDS *Human immunodeficiency disease (also AIDS)  
HLF High-Level Forum (on health MDGs)  
HPC Hiroshima* Peacebuilders Center (Japan)  
HRC Human Rights Council  
HRI *Humanitarian Response Index  
HRIC UN Office of Human Resources for International Cooperation (DESA)  
HRP UNDP/UNFPA/WHO/WB Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction  
HRT Hormone replacement therapy  
HRW Human Rights Watch  
HSP Health sector profile  
HSR Health sector reform  
HTA Health technology assessment  
HUGO Human Genome Organization  
HuMA *Humanitarian Medical Assistance (Japan)
HUMV/Humvee Human military light vehicle
HW Hazardous *waste

IAEA *International Atomic Energy Agency (UN)
IAESCSI International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AICESIS)
IAF International Abolitionist Federation
IAGS International Association of *Genocide Scholars
IAHM *International Association for Humanitarian Medicine Brock Chisholm
IALANA International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms
IAMANEH *International Association for Maternal and Neonatal Health
IAMDGTAIFOMD International Association of MDG Trainers/Association Internationale de Formateurs pour les Objectifs du Millénaire du Développement – AIFOMD
IANSANational Action Network on Small Arms
IAPSO International Association for the Physical Sciences of the Oceans
IAR International Association for Religious Freedom
IARF Inter-Agency Procurement Services Office (UNDP)
IAS International Amateur Radio Union International AIDS Society
IASC Inter-Agency Standing Committee for Humanitarian Action
IATA International Air Transport Association
IAVCEI International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth’s Interior
IAW International Alliance of Women
IBER *International Bill of Human Rights
IBRD *International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (also *World Bank)
ICAA International Council on Alcohol and Addictions
ICAN International Campaign to Abolish *Nuclear Weapons
ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization (UN)
ICARRD International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development
ICBL International Campaign to Ban *Landmines
ICBM Intercontinental ballistic *missile
ICC *International Criminal Court (for war crimes – The Hague)
ICCPR International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICD-10 International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision (WHO)
ICDO *International Civil Defence Organisation
ICECI International Classification of External Causes of Injury (WHO)
ICESCR International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICHRN International Centre for Human Resources in Nursing
ICDIDH International Classification of Impairments, Disabilities, and Handicaps (WHO)
ICJ *International Court of Justice International Commission of Jurists
ICM Intergovernmental Committee for *Migration
ICMH *International Centre for Migration and Health
ICMC International Catholic Migration Commission
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IHEID Institut de Hautes Etudes Internationales et du Développement
/ The *Graduate Institute, Geneva

IHEU International Humanist and Ethical Union

IHF International Hospital Federation

IHL *International humanitarian law

IHR *International Health Regulations (2005)

IIHL International Institute of Humanitarian Law

IISSEE International Institute of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering

IIWF International Independent Women’s Forum

ILA International Law Association

ILC International Law Commission

ILO *International Labour Organization (UN)

ILOS In-patient length of stay (in hospital)

IMARSAT International Maritime Satellite Organization (also INMARSAT)

IMC International Medical Corps

IMCO International Maritime Consultative Organization (UN)

IMF *International Monetary Fund

IMO International Maritime Organization

IMPACT *International Medical Products Anti-Counterfeiting Taskforce

IMPATT Impact avalanche transit time

IMRA Independent Media Review and Analysis

IMSAR International Maritime Search and Rescue Plan

in Inch

INADES Institut Africain pour le Développement Economique et Social

INCB International Narcotics Control Board

INES *International Nuclear Event Scale

INF Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces

INFDC International Nutrition Foundation for Developing Countries

INFOTERRA Sources of technical, scientific and decision-oriented information

INMARSAT International Maritime Satellite Organization (also IMARSAT)

INPEA International Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse

INRUD International Network for the Rational Use of Drugs

INSARAG International Search and Rescue Advisory Group

INSTRAW International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (UN)

INTELSAT International Telecommunications Satellite Consortium

Interpol International Criminal Police Organization (ICPO)

INTERSPUTNIK International Organization of Space Communications

IOM *International Organization for Migration

IPA International Paediatric Association

IPB International Peace Bureau (Geneva)

IPC International Polar Commission

IPCC Intergovernmental Panel on *Climate Change

IPCS *International Programme on Chemical Safety (WHO-UNEP)

IPEC International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour

IPI International Press Institute

IPO Indigenous peoples’ organization

IPPF International Planned Parenthood Federation

IPPNW *International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War

IPRAS International Confederation for Plastic, Reconstructive, and Aesthetic Surgery
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<td>Inactivated polio vaccine</td>
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<td>International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>Kg</td>
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<td>Lightweight Armoured Personnel Carrier</td>
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<td>Lead Agency</td>
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<td>Earth Resources Technology Satellite</td>
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<td>*Laser</td>
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<td>LAV</td>
<td>Light armoured vehicle</td>
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<td>lb</td>
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Part II  Acronyms and Abbreviations

LPG  Liquified petroleum gas  
LSHTM  London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine  
LTSH  Land-side transport, storage and handling  
LWR  Lutheran World Relief  
LWS  Lutheran World Service  

M  
m  *Metre or meter  
MAD  Military: Mutual assured destruction  
M&E  Monitoring and evaluation  
MAIC  Mine Action Information Center (see ICBL)  
MAROTS  Maritime orbital test satellite  
MARS  Major accident reporting system  
MASCAL  *Mass casualty  
MASH  Mobile army surgical hospital  
MBC  *Mediterranean Council for Burns and Fire Disasters / *Euro-Mediterranean Council for Burns and Fire Disasters  
MCDA  Military and civil defence assets  
MCH  Mother and child health  
MCI  *Mass casualty incident  
MCO  Managed care organization  
MDG(s)  UN Millennium Development Goal(s)  
*Millennium Development Goal(s)  
MDM  Médecins du Monde / Doctors of the World  
MDTF  Multi-donor trust fund  
MDR  Multidrug resistant disease (see also XDR)  
*Multidrug resistant  
MDR-TB  Multidrug resistant tuberculosis (with isoniazid and rifampicin resistance)  
MDS  Maritime Distress and Safety System  
MEDICS  Medical Information and Coordination System  

MEDINT  Medical intelligence  
MEDLARS  Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System  
MEDLINE  Medical Literature Online (NLM)  
MERLIN  Medical Emergency Relief International  
METEOSAT  Meteorological Satellite, Europe  
METTAG  Medical emergency triage tag  
Medical Emergency *Triage Tag  
MFI  *Microfinance institution  
*Mg  Milligramme or milligram (also mg)  
MHI  *Major hazard installation  
MI5  British counter-intelligence agency  
MI6  British intelligence and espionage agency  
MIC  Methyl isocyanate (*Bhopal disaster of 1984)  
MIDAS  Missle Defense Alarm System  
MIM  Multilateral Initiative on Malaria (in Africa)  
MINURCAT  UN Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad  
MINUSTAH  UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti  
MIRV  Multiple independently targetable re-entry vehicle  
MISP  Minimum initial service package  
MMEIG  Maternal Mortality Estimation Inter-agency Group  
MMR  Measles-mumps-rubella (vaccine)  
Maternal mortality rate/ratio  
MMI  *Medicus Mundi International  
MMV  Medicines for Malaria Venture  
MNT  Maternal and neonatal tetanus  
MONUC  Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (UN)  
MOF  *Multiple organ failure  
MOH  Ministry of Health  
MOTAPM  Explosive remnants of war and mines other than anti-personnel landmines  
MoU  Memorandum of understanding
MRI Magnetic resonance imaging (body scan)
MRSA Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus
MSAC *Most seriously affected countries
MSF *Médecins sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders
MSH Management sciences for health
MSW Medical social worker
Mt *Megaton
MT Metric tonne
MTA *Medicines Transparency Alliance
MTE Mass toxicological event
MTF Medical treatment facility
MUAC Medicine: Mid-upper-arm circumference
MW Megawatt

N

NAICC National Aborigine and Islander Child Care (Australia)
*Napalm Aluminium naphthenate – aluminium palmitite (weapon)
NASA National Aeronautics and Space Administration (USA)
NATO *North Atlantic Treaty Organization
Nazi (German): Nazional-sozialisten
NC Nuremberg Charter
NCBW Nuclear, chemical and biological warfare (or weapon)
NCD Noncommunicable disease
NCHS National Centre for Health Statistics
NDP National drug policy
NFI Non-food item
NFZ Nuclear-free zone
NGLS *United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service
NGO *Non-governmental organization
NGS Nuclear generating station
NHDP National Health Development Plan

NHS National Health Service
NIH National Institutes of Health
NIS Newly Independent State(s)
NNHT Nuffield Nursing Homes Trust (UK)
NNT Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (also NPT)
NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NORAD Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation
North American Air Defense Command
NPA Norwegian Peoples’ Aid
NPC National Programme Coordinator (WHO)
*NPT Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NRC Nuclear Regulatory Commission (US)
NRDS Neonatal respiratory distress syndrome
NRO National Reconnaissance Office (USA)
*NRT Net registered tonnage
NTD *Neglected tropical disease(s)
NTP National tuberculosis control programme (or equivalent)
NWC National WHO Programme Coordinator
NWFZ Nuclear-weapons-free zone
NYD Medicine: Not yet diagnosed

O

OAS Organization of American States
OAU Organization of African Unity. (Changed to AU: African Union)
OCHA *Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN)
ODA Official development assistance
Overseas Development Agency
ODCCP Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention / UN
ODI Overseas Development Institute (UK)
OECD Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OFDA *Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (USA)
OHA Office for Humanitarian Affairs (WFP)
*OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (also HCHR, UNHCHR)
OHRLLS Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
OIE Office International des Epizooties (WOAH)
OMAEAP World Organization for Parental Education Associations / OrganisationmondialedesAssociations pour l’Education parentale
OMCT Organisation mondiale contre la Torture / World Organization Against Torture / SOS Torture
*OPCAT *Optional Protocol to the UN Convention Against Torture
OPCW Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
OPEC Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
OPV Oral polio vaccine
OR Surgical: Operating room
ORS *Oral rehydration salts
ORSEC Disaster relief organization, France
OSCAL Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries/DESA
OSCAR Orbital Satellites Carrying Amateur Radio
OSCC On-site operations coordinating centre
OSCE Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
OSRO Office of Special Relief Operations
OST Office of Science and Technology (USA)
*Outer Space Treaty
OVC Orphans and vulnerable children
OWRA Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (USA)
OXFAM* *Oxford Committee for Famine Relief International

P
Pa *Pascal
PADCO Planning and Development Collaborative International
PAHO Pan American Health Organization *(WHO)
PAM Programme Alimentaire Mondial – *World Food Programme (UN)
Pap Medicine: vernacular abbreviation for Papanicolaou cervical test
PAR Population at risk
PASB Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PAHO)
PATH Programme for *Appropriate Technology in Health
PC Peace Corps
PCI Project Concern International
PCM *Protein-calorie malnutrition
PCNA Post-conflict needs assessment
PEC/WHO *Polio, Emergencies and Country Collaboration/WHO
PEM Protein-energy malnutrition
PEPFAR (USA)President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
PERT Programme evaluation and review technique
PET Potential evapotranspiration Positron emission tomography
P4P Policy for planning
PFII Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
PHC *Primary health care
PHM *Prehospital medicine
*People’s Health Movement
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*rem  Roentgen equivalent man
REMPAN  Radiation Emergency Medical Preparation and Assistance Network
Res Rep  Resident Representative (of UNDP)
R2P  Right to *protection
Rh  Medicine: Rhesus factor
RH  Reproductive health
RHIB  Rigid-hulled inflatable boat
RI  *Refugees International
Ro-ro  Roll on/roll off (ferry)
RT  Register ton
RUTF  Ready-to-use therapeutic food

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s  Second
S&T  Science and technology/scientific and technological
SAA  Small arms ammunition
SAAFA  Special Arab Assistance Fund for Africa
SAARC  Southern African Association for Regional Cooperation
SAB  Skilled attendant at birth (as a proportion of total live births)
SADC  Southern African Development Community
SAFE  Surgery, antibiotics, facial cleanliness and environmental improvement
SAGE  Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (on immunization),(WHO)
SAILD  Service d’Appui aux Initiatives Locales de Développement
SALT  *Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty
SAM  Severe acute malnutrition
Surface-to-air *missile
SAMU  French EMS: Service d’Assistance Médicale d’Urgence
SAR  *Search and rescue
SARAH  Search and rescue and homing (radar system)

SAREC  Swedish Agency for Research Cooperation with Developing Countries
SARS  *Severe acute respiratory syndrome
SARSAT-COPAS  Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking
SATURN  Specific Antibiotic Therapies on the prevalence of human host-resistant bacteria
SBA  Standby arrangement(s)
SCF(I)  Save the Children Fund (International)
SCHR  Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response
Scuba  Self-contained underwater breathing apparatus
SDC  *Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
SDE  Sustainable Development and Healthy Environments Cluster (WHO)
SDI  *Strategic Defense Initiative (“Star Wars”)”
SDR  Swiss Association for Aid to Developing Countries (SWISSAID)
SEA  Sexual exploitation and abuse
SEARO  Regional Office for South-East Asia (WHO)
SEATO  South East Asia Treaty Organization
SEEHN  South-Eastern Europe Health Network
SERPAJ  Servicio Paz y Justicia (Uruguay)
SFB  *Soya-fortified bulgur
SFCM  *Soya-fortified cornmeal
SFP/C  *Supplementary feeding programme / centre
SFSG  *Soya-fortified sorghum grits
SGBV  Sexual and gender-based violence
SHAPE  Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (NATO)
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<td>SITREP</td>
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<td>*SMS/GOES</td>
<td>Synchronous Meteorological Satellites / *Global-observing environmental satellites</td>
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<td>Save our souls (distress signal)</td>
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<td>Safe Surgery Saves Lives (WHO programme)</td>
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<td>STD</td>
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<td>SUMA</td>
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<td>Sv</td>
<td>*Sievert – unit of radiation dose</td>
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<td>SWAps</td>
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<td>TA</td>
<td>Transnational Authority</td>
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<td>TAB</td>
<td>Total absorbed dose (of radiation)</td>
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<td>Technical Advisory Group</td>
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<td>Toxin antitoxin</td>
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<td>TBSA</td>
<td>Total *body surface area (in burn injury)</td>
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<td>TCAM</td>
<td>*Traditional, complementary and alternative medicine</td>
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<td>TCDC</td>
<td>*Technical cooperation among developing countries</td>
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<td>TdH</td>
<td>Fédération Internationale Terre des Hommes</td>
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<td>TDR</td>
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<td>TEKT</td>
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<td>Total fertility rate</td>
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<td>TI</td>
<td>*Transparency International</td>
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<td>Transport International Routier/International Road Transport</td>
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<td>TISS</td>
<td>Tata Institute of Social Sciences (India)</td>
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TNM  Tumour (size), node (involvement), metastasis (in cancer classification)
*TNT  *2,4,6-Trinitrotoluene (chemical explosive)
TOKTEN  Transfer of knowledge through expatriate nationals
TRC  *Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South Africa
TRISS  *Trauma and injury severity score
TS  *Trauma score (AMA)  Tidal scale
TSK  Transitional shelter kit

U

U  *Uranium
U3A  University of the Third Age
UAM  *Unaccompanied minor
UCI  Universal child immunization
UER/EBU  Union Européenne de Radiodiffusion / European Broadcasting Union
UFO  Unidentified flying object
UHS  Uncontrolled haemorrhagic shock
UHT  Ultra-high heat treated (e.g. milk)
UMCOR  United Methodist Committee on Relief
*UN  *United Nations, United Nations Organization
UNA(s)  United Nations Association(s)
UNAIDS  United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNCAC  United Nations Convention Against *Corruption
UNCAST  United Nations Conference on the Applications of Science and Technology
UNCCD  United Nations Convention to Combat *Desertification
UNCED  United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
UNCHR  *United Nations Council on Human Rights (previously Commission)
UNCHS  *United Nations Centre for Human Settlements – HABITAT
UNCIVPOL  *United Nations Civil Police
UNCT  United Nations Country Team
UNCTAD  United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNCSTD  United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development
UNDAD  United Nations Development Assistance Framework
UNDEF  *United Nations Democracy Fund
UNDHR  *Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UNDP  *United Nations Development Programme
UNDPKO  *United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations
UNDRO  Office of the UN Disaster Relief Coordinator (superseded by *OCHA)
UNEP  *United Nations Environment Programme
UNERCA  *United Nations Emergency Relief Coordinator
UNESCO  *United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNESCAP  *UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (also ESCAP)
*UNESCO  *United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC  United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFICYP  United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus
UNFPA  *United Nations Fund for Population Activities/UN Population Fund
UN-HABITAT  *United Nations Centre for Human Settlements
UNHCHR *United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (also OHCHR)
UNHCR *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNHMH United Nations Humanitarian Mission in Haiti
UNHRD United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot (Brindisi)
UNIC(s) United Nations Information Centre(s)
UNICEF *United Nations Children’s Fund
UNICRI United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute
UNIDIR *United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNIFEM United Nations Development Fund for Women
UNIFIL United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon
UNIMAS United Nations *Mine Action Service
UNIPAC *UNICEF Procurement and Assembly Centre (Copenhagen *stockpile)
UNIRENE United Nations Informal Regional Network of NGOs
UNISDR *UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (OCHA)
UNITAID *UN International facility for purchase of diagnostics and drugs for tuberculosis, AIDS and malaria
UNITAR United Nations Institute for Training and Research
UNMIK United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo
UNODC *United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
UNOG *United Nations Office at Geneva
UNON *United Nations Office at Nairobi
UNOOSA United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs
UNOV *United Nations Office at Vienna
UNPFII United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
UNPROFOR United Nations Protection Force
UNRCA United Nations Registry of Conventional Arms
UNRISD United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
UNRWA *United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
UNSCEAR *United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation
UNSCP United Nations Special Committee on Palestine
UNSECOORD UN Security Coordinator (New York)
UNSO *United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office
UN-SPIDER United Nations Platform for Space-Based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response
UNU *United Nations University
UNV United Nations Volunteers
UNVFVT UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture
UNW United Nations Women
UNWGIP UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations
UP United Press
UPI United Press International
URI/URTI Upper respiratory (tract) infection
USAID United States Agency for International Development (also AID)
UTC *Universal Time Consolidated
UXO/UXB  Unexploded ordnance/unexploded bomb
UXOCE  UXO Center of Excellence

V

VD  *Venereal disease(s)
VDRL  Venereal Disease Research Laboratory (for syphilis test)
VECTOR  State Research Centre of Virology and Biotechnology (Russia, variola)
VHF  Very high frequency (radio)
VITA  Volunteers in Technical Assistance Inc.
VLBW  Very low birth weight
VNGOC  Vienna NGO Committee on Narcotic Drugs
VOICE  Voluntary Organisations in Cooperation for Emergencies
VOLAG  *Voluntary agency
VR  Vital registration

W

W  *Watt
WADEM  *World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine
WAPS  World Alliance for *Patient Safety (WHO)
WASH  *Water, sanitation and hygiene
WBC  White blood cells
WCC  *World Council of Churches
WCED  *World Commission on Environment and Development
WCRWC  Women’s Commission for Refugee Women and Children
WEFAX  Weather facsimile communications system
WES  Water and environmental sanitation
WFC  World Food Council
WFH  Weight for height (nutrition survey)

WFNS  World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies
WFP  *World Food Programme (UN)
WFSOS  World Federation of Surgical Oncology Societies
WFSW  World Federation of Scientific Workers
WHA  *World Health Assembly (of WHO)
WHO  *World Health Organization
WHODAS  WHO Disability Assessment Schedule
*WHOPAX  WHO Committee on the role of physicians in the preservation and promotion of peace
WIA  Wounded in action
WIDER  *World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU)
WILPF  Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom
WINGS  WFP Information Network and Global System
WIPO  World Intellectual Property Organization (UN)
WJC  World Jewish Congress
WLM  Women’s Liberation Movement
WMA  *World Medical Association
WMDD  *Weapon(s) of mass destruction
WMO  *World Meteorological Organization (UN)
WOAH  World Association for Animal Health (OIE)
WOAT  World Organisation Against *Torture (SOS Torture)
WOFAPS  World Federation of Associations of Paediatric Surgeons
WOH  *World Open Hospital (*IAHM)
WOSM  World Organization of the *Scout Movement (boy scouts/girl guides)
WPA  World Psychiatric Association
WPC  WHO Programme Coordinator
WPRO  Regional Office for the Western Pacific (WHO)
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<td>WRO</td>
<td>(w.r.o.) (Commerce/insurance) war risks only</td>
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<td>WSB</td>
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<td>Year of birth</td>
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<td>YPLL</td>
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<td>Zero population growth</td>
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