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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>ABS</b>	<b>Access and Benefit Sharing</b>
<b>CBD</b>	<b>Convention on Biological Diversity</b>
<b>CGIAR</b>	<b>Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research</b>
<b>CHM</b>	<b>Common Heritage of Mankind</b>
<b>CITES</b>	<b>Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species</b>
<b>COP</b>	<b>Conference of the Parties</b>
<b>FAO</b>	<b>Food &amp; Agriculture Organization</b>
<b>FOSS</b>	<b>Free and Open Source Software</b>
<b>GMO</b>	<b>Genetically Modified Organism</b>
<b>GPA</b>	<b>Global Plan of Action</b>
<b>GPL</b>	<b>General Public License</b>
<b>IARC</b>	<b>International Agricultural Research Centre</b>
<b>IPRS/IPRs</b>	<b>Intellectual Property Rights</b>
<b>ITPGR</b>	<b>International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources</b>
<b>ITTO</b>	<b>International Tropical Timber Organization</b>
<b>IUPGR</b>	<b>International Undertaking on Plant Genetic Resources</b>
<b>MAT</b>	<b>Mutually Agreed Terms</b>
<b>MTA</b>	<b>Material Transfer Agreement</b>
<b>OECD</b>	<b>Organization For Economic &amp; Cooperation</b>
<b>PGFRA</b>	<b>Plant Genetic Resources for Agriculture</b>
<b>PIC</b>	<b>Prior Informed Consent</b>
<b>PSNR</b>	<b>Permanent Sovereignty over Natural Resources</b>
<b>PTO</b>	<b>Patent &amp; Trade Mark Office</b>
<b>TRIPS</b>	<b>Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights</b>
<b>UNCED</b>	<b>United Nations Conference on Environment and Development</b>
<b>UNCTAD</b>	<b>United Nations Conference on Trade and Development</b>
<b>UNEP</b>	<b>United Nations Environment Program</b>
<b>UNFCC</b>	<b>United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change</b>
<b>WIPO</b>	<b>World Intellectual Property Organization</b>
<b>WTO</b>	<b>World Trade Organization</b>