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# Abbreviations

ABS	Access and Benefit Sharing
AO	Appellations of Origin
ARIPO	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization
BIRPI	Bureaux Internationaux Réunis pour la Protection de la Propriété Intellectuelle (French for “United International Bureau for the Protection of Intellectual Property”)
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
ECOTA	Economic Cooperation Organization Trade Agreement
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EU	European Union
EUIPO	European Union Intellectual Property Office
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FTA	Free Trade Agreement
GIS	Geographical Indications
GRS	Genetic Resources
IACA	Indian Arts and Crafts Act
IGC	Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore
IGC-GRTKF	Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore
IGE   IPI	Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property
INCC	Iran National Carpet Centre
IOC	International Olympic Committee
ITC	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO
ITPGRFA	International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
IP	Intellectual Property
IPC	Intellectual Property Centre of Iran
IPRS	Intellectual Property Rights
OAPI	African Intellectual Property Organization
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development
PCS	Persian Carpets
PGRS	Plant Genetic Resources
PIC	Prior Informed Consent
TCE	Traditional Cultural Expression
TIP-rights	Traditional Intellectual Property Rights

TK	Traditional Knowledge
TK-RI	Traditional Knowledge-Related Indication
TK-RS	Traditional Knowledge-Related Signs
TKDL	Traditional Knowledge Digital Library
TKHS	Traditional Knowledge Holders
TKU	Traditional Knowledge User
TRIPS	Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
UC	Unfair Competition
UN	United Nations
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UPOV	International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties
Convention	of Plants
USPTO	United States Patent and Trademark Office
WCT	WIPO Copyright Treaty
WHO	World Health Organization
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WPPT	WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty
WTO	World Trade Organization