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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB/N : Agriculture Development Bank Nepal

AEC : Agro Enterprise Centre

APTI : American Premium Tea Institute

CIS : Commonwealth of Independent States

COC : Code of conduct

CSR : Corporate Social Responsibility

CTC : Cut Tore & Curled

EU : European Union

FNCCI: Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce & Industries

GTE : Guranse Tea Estate

GTZ : German Technical Cooperation

HA: Hectare

HIMCOOP : Himalayan Tea Producers Cooperative Limited

HOTPA : Himalayan Orthodox Tea Producers Association

IPM : Integrated pest management

ITC : International Tea Council

KG : Kilo Gram

KM : Kilo Meter

KTE : Kanchanganga Tea Estate

MT : Metric Ton

NASAA : National Association for Sustainable Agriculture Australia Ltd.

NSP : National Standard Policy

NTCDB : Nepal Tea & Coffee Development Board

NTCGDA : Nepal Tree Crop Global Development Alliance

NTRI : National Trauma Research Institute

OTPA : Orthodox Tea Producers Association

PARC : Palo Alto Research Center

SAARC : South Asian Association Region Cooperation

SNV : Netherlands Development Organization in Nepal

SOMO : Stichting Onderzoek Multinationale Ondernemingen

SPS : SharePoint Portal Server

STAR : Specially Tea Registry

TBT : Technical Barriers to Trade

TEASEC : Tea Sector Service Centre

TEPC : Trade and Expert Promotion Centre

TUV : Traditional Unionist Voice

UK : United Kingdom

USAID : United States for International Development

VOITH : Vaidya's Organizational of Industries & Trading Houses

WI : Winrock International

WTO : World Trade Organization