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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AC Account

ADB Asian Development Bank

Amt. Amount

B.S. Bikram Sambat

CDECON Central Department Of Economics

Dr. Doctor

F/Y Fiscal Year

FNCCI Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry

GDP Gross Domestic Product

GON Government of Nepal

i.e. That is

IMF International Monetary Fund

IRD Inland Revenue Department

ITA Income Tax Act

Ltd. Limited

MOF Ministry of Finance

NGO Non Government Organization

NI National Income

PAN Permanent Account Number

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SAARC South Asian Association to Regional Co-operation

SAFTA South Asian Free Trade Arrangement

T.U. Tribhuvan University

UDC Under Development Company

UK United Kingdom

USA United States of America

VAT Value Added Tax

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