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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	:	Agriculture Development Bank
AfT	;	Aid for Trade
AoA	:	Agreement on Agriculture
BIMSTEC	:	Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation
BOP	:	Balance Of Payment
CBS	:	Central Bureau of Statistics
EEZs	:	Especial Economic Zones
EU	:	European Union
FNCCI	:	Federation of Nepal Chambers of Commerce and Industry
GATS	:	General Agreement on Trade in Service
GATT	:	General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs
GDP	:	Gross Domestic Production
GNI	:	Gross National Product
GSO	:	Government Statistics Office
IBRD	:	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
IMF	:	International Monetary Fund
TRIPS	:	Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
ITC	:	International Trade Centre

ITO	:	International Trade Organization
LDC	:	Least Developed Country
LLPs	:	Limited liability partnerships
MFN	:	Most Favored Nation
MoCS	:	Ministry of Commerce and Supply
MoF	:	Ministry of Finance
MoICS	:	Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supply
NAFTA	:	North American Free Trade Agreement
NCC	:	Nepal Chamber of Commerce
NEFAS	:	Nepal Foundation for Advanced Studies
NPC	:	National Planning Commission
NRB	:	Nepal Rastra Bank
NT	:	National Treatment
NTB	:	Non-tariff barriers
NTIS	:	Nepal Trade Integration Strategy
OECD	:	Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development
SAARC	:	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SAFTA	:	South Asian Free Trade Arrangement
SAPTA	:	South Asian Preferential Trade Agreement
SPS	:	Sanitary and phyto-sanitary measures
SWOT	:	Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Threats

TBT	:	Technical Barriers to trade
TFA	:	Trade facilitation Agreement
TPC	:	Trade Promotion Centre
TEPC	:	Trade and Export Promotion Center
TRTA	:	Trade-Related Technical Assistance
TU	:	Tribhuvan University
UN	:	United Nation
UNCTAD	:	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
WB	:	World Bank
WEF	:	World Economic Forum
WTO	:	World Trade Organization