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### LIST OFACRONYMS

CBS Center Bureau of Statistics

CEDECON Central Department of economics

CPI Cost of Purchase Input

EU European Union

FY Fiscal Year

GDP Gross Domestic Product

GNP Gross National Product

GST Goods and Services Tax

IRD Inland Revenue Department

MoF Ministry of Finance

MST Manufacture Level Sales Tax

NNP Net National Product

NPC National Planning Commission

NRB Nepal Rastra Bank

OECD Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development

PAN Permanent Account Number

RST Retail Level Sales Tax

SAARC South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation

SAFTA South Asian Free Trade Agreement

SV Sales Value

TU Tribhuvan University

TPIN Taxpayer's Identification Numbers

UDCs Under-developed Countries

USA United States of America

VAT Value Added Tax

WST Wholesales Level Sales Tax

WTO World Trade Organization