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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

BoI Board of Investment

BPO Business Process Outsourcing

CAAN Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal

CBS Central Bauru of Statistics

DoI Department of Industry

ESAP Enhanced Structural Adjustment Program

FDI Foreign Direct Investment

FITTA Foreign Investment and Technology Transfer Act

FNCCI Federation of Nepal Chamber and Commerce Industry

GNI Gross National Income

GoN Government of Nepal

GDP Gross Domestic Product

IB Insurance Board

IBN Industrial Board of Nepal

ICT Information Communication and Technology

IMF International Monetary Fund

IT Information Technology

IPB Industrial Promotion Board

LDCs Least Developed Countries

MNC Multi National Company

MoF Ministry of Finance

MW Mega Watt

NPR Nepal Rastra Bank

NTA Nepal Telecommunication Authority

NPC National Planning Commission

OECD Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

SAARC South Asian Association for Regional Corporation

SAP Structural Adjustment Program

UNCITRAL United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

UNCTAD United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

UN United Nations

WTO World Trade Organization