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ACRONYMS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
ARDAC	Academic Research and Development Action Council
ASEAN	Association of South East Asian Nations
CASAC	Coalition for Action on South Asian Cooperation
CBMs	Confidence Building Measures
CEDA	Centre for Economic Development and Administration
CNAS	Centre for Nepal and Asian Studies
COMECON	Council for Mutual Economic Assistance
CTBT	Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty
EC	European Community
EEC	European Economic Cooperation
et. al.	et ali, and other people
EU	European Union
FES	Friedrich Ebert Stiftung
f. n.	foot note
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEC	Gulf Economic Cooperation
GNI	Gross National Income
HRC	Human Right Commission
IFA	Institute of Foreign Affairs
INGOs	International Non-Governmental Organizations
IPA	Integrated Program of Action
ISACPA	Independent South Asian Commission on Poverty Alleviation
ISI	Inter-Services Intelligence
JKLF	Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front
LDCs	Least Developed Countries
loc.cit.	Loco citato, in the place cited
LTTE	Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
Mercosur	Mercodo Comun del sur
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MQM	Mohazir Quami Movement

NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NAM	Non-Aligned Movement
n. d.	no date
NIEO	New International Economic Order
n.p.	Place or publisher not mentioned
NPT	Non-Proliferation Treaty
NRB	Nepal Rastra Bank
OAU	Organization of African Unity
OPEC	Organizational of Petroleum Exporting Countries
PPP	Purchasing Power Parity
PU	Purwanchal University
RAW	Research and Analysis Wing
RCSS	Regional Centre for Strategic Studies
RDOs	Regional Defense Organizations
RIPA	Regional Integrated Programme of Action
RTAs	Regional Trade Agreements
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SAFTA	South Asian Free Trade Area
SAPNA	South Asian Poverty Network Action
SAPTA	SAARC Preferential Trading Arrangement
SCCI	SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry
SDGs	SAARC Development Goals
SDOMD	SAARC Drug Offences Monitoring Desk
SIPA	SAARC Integrated Programme of Action
STC	SAARC Tuberculosis Center
STOMD	SAARC Terrorism Offences Monitoring Desk
TU	Tribhuvan University
UN	United Nations
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugee
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
WB	World Bank