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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AAN	Action Aid Nepal
ABS	Access Benefits Sharing
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CUTS	Consumer Unity and Trust Society
CD	Compact Disc
DSU	Dispute Settlement Understanding
DOI	Department of Industry
DOC	Department of Commerce
EDVS	Essentially Derived Varieties
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
GATT	General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs
GDD	Gross Domestic Product
GMOS	Genetically Modified Organisms
HMG/N	His Majesty's Government of Nepal
IARC	International Agriculture Research Council
IPPC	International Plant Protection Convention
ICAR	Indian Council of Agricultural Research
ICIMOD	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development
IF	Integrated Framework
INGO	International Non Governmental Organization
IP	Intellectual Property
IPGR	International Plant Genetic Resource
IPRS	Intellectual Property Rights
IT'C	International Trade Centre

IT'PGR	International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources
ITPGRFA	International Treaty on Plant Genetic Recourses for Food and Agriculture
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature
LDC	Least Developed Country
MDGs	Millennium Development foals
MFN	Most Favored Nation
MNC	Multinational Corporation
MOAC	Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives
MOFSC	Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation
MOICS	Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies
NAFTA	North Atlantic Free Trade Association
NARC	Nepal Agricultural Research Council
NEFAS	Nepal Foundation for Advanced Studies
NGOS	Non-Governmental Organization
NPC	National Planning Commission
NT	National Treatment
OIE	International Office of Epizootics
OAU	Organization for African and Unity
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and ` Development
PBRS	Plant Breeders' Rights
PIC	Prior Informed Consent
Pro-public	Forum for protection of public interest
PUSN	Distinctness, Uniformity Stability and Novelty
PVP	Plant Variety Protection
R&D	Research and Development
S & DT	Special and Differential Treatment
SAWTEE	South Asia Watch on Trade, Economic and

	Environment
TK	Traditional Knowledge
TNCS	Transnational Corporations
TRIPS	Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
UN	United Nation
UNCTAD	United Nation Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nation Development Programme
UPOV	International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants
UR	Uruguay Round
USA	United States of America
VDCs	Village Development Committees
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization