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Abbreviations

AIPPI	International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property
ASSINSEL	International Association of Plant Breeders for the Protection of Plant Varieties
ASTA	American Seed Trade Association
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CEO	Chief executive officer
CGIAR	Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
CIAT	International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CGIAR)
CIMMYT	International Center for the Improvement of Maize and Wheat (CGIAR)
CORPOICA	Corporación Colombiana de Investigación Agropecuario (Colombia)
CPGR	Commission on Plant Genetic Resources (FAO)
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
EEC	European Economic Community
EPC	European Patent Convention
EPO	European Patent Office
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GEF	Global Environment Facility
IARC	International agricultural research centre
IBPGR	International Board for Plant Genetic Resources (now IPGRI)
ICA	Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario (Colombia)
ICDA	International Coalition for Development Action
INIA	Instituto Nacional de Investigación Agropecuaria (Chile)
IPGRI	International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (CGIAR)
IPR	Intellectual property rights
IRRI	International Rice Research Institute (CGIAR)
IUCN	World Conservation Union
JICA	Japanese Agency for International Cooperation
KWI	Kaiser-Wilhelm-Institut (Germany)
LAMP	Latin American Maize Program
MAP	Mexican Agricultural Program
MERCOSUR	Mercado Común del Sur
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NARS	National agricultural research system
NBF	New biotechnology firm
NIEO	New International Economic Order
NGO	Non-governmental organization

NPGS	National Plant Germplasm System (USA)
NSSL	National Seed Storage Laboratory (USA)
NTC	Non-traditional commodity
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OPV	Open-pollinated variety
PBR	Plant breeders' rights
PGR	Plant genetic resources
PPA	Plant Patent Act (USA)
PVP	Plant variety protection
TBA	Technical Board of Appeal (EPO)
TNE	Transnational enterprise
TRIPS	Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
UNCED	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
UNEP	United Nations Environmental Programme
UPOV	International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
USPTO	U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
VIR	All-Union Institute of Plant Industry (USSR)
WBCSD	World Business Council for Sustainable Development
WTO	World Trade Organization