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ACRONYMS

AfDB	African Development Bank	
ADESGUIM	Association for the Development and Sensitization of Guineans in Morocco	Morocco
ADRA	Adventist Development and Relief Agency	Tunisia
AESAT	Association of African Students and Trainees in Tunisia	Tunisia
AFVIC	Friends and Families of Victims of Clandestine Migration	Morocco, Tunisia
AI	Amnesty International	
ALECMA	Association Light on Emigration in Morocco	Morocco
AMAPPE	Moroccan Association for the Support and Promotion of Small Enterprises	Morocco
AMERM	Moroccan Association for Studies and Research on Migrations	Morocco
AMDH	Moroccan Association of Human Rights	Morocco
ANAPEC	National Agency for the Promotion of Employment and Competences	Morocco
ANETI	National Agency for Employment and Independent Work	Tunisia
ASTT	Association of sub-Saharan Workers in Tunisia	Tunisia
ATFD	Tunisian Association of Democratic Women	Tunisia
ATMF	Association of Maghreb Workers in France	
BRA	Bureau of Refugees and Stateless People	Morocco
CCDH	Consultative Council on Human Rights	Morocco
CCSM	Collective of sub-Saharan Communities in Morocco	Morocco
CEJJ	Centre for Legal and Judicial Studies	Tunisia
CGEM	General Confederation of Enterprises in Morocco	Morocco
CGTT	General Confederation of Tunisian Workers	Tunisia
CMSM	Council of sub-Saharan Migrants in Morocco	Morocco
CNDH	National Council on Human Rights	Morocco
CSO	Civil Society Organization	
CTMM	Collective of Migrant Workers in Morocco	Morocco
DGCIM	General Directorate for International Cooperation on Migration	Tunisia
DIDH	Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights	Morocco
EU	European Union	
FIDH	International Human Rights Federation	
FOO	Orient-Occident Foundation	Morocco
FTDES	Tunisian Forum for Economic and Social Rights	Tunisia
GADEM	Anti-Racist Defence and Support Group of Foreigners and Migrants	Morocco
GIZ	German Development Agency	
IADH	Arab Institute for Human Rights	Tunisia

ICMPD	International Centre for Migration Policy Development	
ILO	International Labour Organization	
IO	International Organization	
IOM	International Organization for Migration	
LTDH	Tunisian League for Human Rights	Tunisia
MCMREAM	Ministry for the Moroccan Community Abroad and Migration Affairs	Morocco
MdM-B	Doctors of the World Belgium	Tunisia
MoE	Ministry of Education	Morocco, Tunisia
MoEPF	Ministry of Employment and Professional Training	Tunisia
MoF	Ministry of Finance	Tunisia
MoFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Morocco, Tunisia
MoH	Ministry of Health	Morocco, Tunisia
MoHE	Ministry of Higher Education	Morocco, Tunisia
MoI	Ministry of Interior	Morocco, Tunisia
MoJ	Ministry of Justice	Morocco, Tunisia
MoL	Ministry of Labour	Morocco
MoSA	Ministry of Social Affairs	Tunisia
MP	Member of Parliament	Morocco, Tunisia
MRE	Moroccans Residing Abroad	Morocco
MSF	Doctors Without Borders	
NCA	National Constituent Assembly	Tunisia
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization	
ODT/ODTI	Democratic Organization of (Immigrant) Labour	Morocco
OMDH	Moroccan Organization of Human Rights	Morocco
ONM	National Migration Observatory	Tunisia
PAM	Authenticity and Modernity Party	Morocco
PJD	Justice and Development Party	Morocco
RAMED	Medical Assistance Regime	Morocco
SEMTE	State Secretariat for Migration and Tunisians Abroad	Tunisia
SNIA	National Strategy on Immigration and Asylum	Morocco
SNM	National Migration Strategy	Tunisia
TAT	Terre d'Asile Tunisie	Tunisia
TRE	Tunisians Residing Abroad	Tunisia
UGTT	General Union of Tunisian Workers	Tunisia
ULA	Union of African Leaders	Tunisia
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissariat for Refugees	
UTICA	Tunisian Union of Industry, Trade and Crafts	Tunisia

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