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Abbreviations

| Abbreviation | Definition |
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| CAT | Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment |
| CEDAW | Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women |
| CRC | Convention on the Rights of the Child |
| CRPD | Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities |
| EM | Explanatory Memorandum |
| FRLI | Federal Register of Legislative Instruments |
| ICCPR | International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights |
| ICESCR | International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights |
| ICERD | International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination |
| PJCHR | Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights |

