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ACRONYMS

ACWC	ASEAN Commission on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Women and Children
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ADB	Anti-Discrimination Bill
ADO	Anti-Discrimination Ordinance
AICHR	ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights
AO	Administrative Order
ARV	Antiretroviral Therapy
ASEAN	Association of South East Asian Nations
BuB	Bottom-up Budgeting
CAT	Convention Against Torture
CBCP	Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines
CBO	Community-Based Organization
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CERD	Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination
CHED	Commission on Higher Education
CHR	Commission on Human Rights
COMELEC	Commission on Elections
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
CSC	Civil Service Commission
CSO	Civil Society Organization
DepEd	Department of Education
DILG	Department of Interior and Local Government
DOH	Department of Health
DOLE	Department of Labor and Employment
DSWD	Department of Social Welfare and Development
DTI	Philippine Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
FBO	Faith-based Organization
FTM	Female-to-Male Transgender
GAD	Gender and Development
GALANG	Gay and Lesbian Activist Network for Gender Equality Inc.
GO	Government Organization
HAC	HIV/AIDS Committee
HB	House Bill
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HR	Human resource(s)
HRT	Hormone Replacement Therapy
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

ICRMW	International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
IDAHO	International Day Against Homophobia
IDU	Injecting Drug User
IEC	Information, Education and Communication
IGLHRC	International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission
IRR	Implementing rules and regulations
KAP	Key Affected Population
LAC	Local AIDS Council
LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender
LGBTS	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight
LGU	Local Government Unit
LPRAT	Local Poverty Reduction Action Team
MARP	Most at Risk Population
MAAAI	Mindanao AIDS Advocates Association Inc.
MSM	Men who have Sex with Men
MTF	Male-to-Female Transgender
MTRCB	Movie and Television Review and Classification Board
NLRC	National Labor Relations Commission
NGO	Non-Government Organization
NCR	National Capital Region
OFW	Overseas Filipino Worker
OHCHR	United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
OPDAT	US Department of Justice Criminal Division, Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training
PAP	Psychological Association of the Philippines
PDR	Pinoy Deaf Rainbow
PhilJA	Philippine Judicial Academy
PIP	Person in Prostitution
PLHIV	People Living with HIV
PNP	Philippine National Police
PNP HRAO	Philippine National Police (PNP) Human Rights Affairs Office (HRAO)
PCSO	Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office
RA	Republic Act
RAAT	Regional AIDS Assistance Teams
R-Rights	Rainbow Rights Project Inc.
SB/SBN	Senate Bill/Senate Bill Number
SC	Supreme Court
SEC	Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission
SEO	Search Engine Optimization
SHC	Social Hygiene Clinic
SHINE	Social Health of Inter-Ethnic LGBT Networks for Empowerment (SHINE) SOCCSKSARGEN
SMS	Short Message Service
SOGI	Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
SPA	Special Power of Attorney
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infections
SW	Sex Worker

TESDA	Technical Education and Skills Development Authority
TCS	Treatment, Care and Support
TDoR	Transgender Day of Remembrance
Transman	A female-to-male transgender person
Transwoman	A male-to-female transgender person
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UN	United Nations
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNCRC	United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VAWC	Violence Against Women and Children
VCT	Voluntary Counseling and Testing
WHO	World Health Organization

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