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# LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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ASEAN	Association of South East Asian Nations
BLA or BLLA	Bilateral Labour Agreement
CEDAW	United Nations International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
COWA	Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs (Philippines)
CSO	Civil Society Organization
DIOC	Database on Immigrants in OECD Countries
DIOC-E	Database on Immigrants in OECD and non-OECD Countries
DOLE	Department of Labour and Employment
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EOI	Export Oriented Industrialization
EU	European Union
FRONTEX	European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union
FWRC	Filipino Workers Resource Center
GCC	Global Care Chain
GFMD	The Global Forum on Migration and Development
GPB	Governmental Placement Branch (Philippines)
GR26	CEDAW's General Recommendation No. 26
HRW	Human Rights Watch
HTA	Hometown Association
ICRMW	United Nations International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
ICT	Information Communications Technology
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMRC	International Migration Research Centre
IMSS	Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social
IMUMI	Instituto para las Mujeres en la Migración, A.C. (Mexico)
INM	Instituto Nacional de Migración (Mexico)

IOM	International Organization for Migration
ISCO-88	International Standard Classification of Occupations
LFT	Ley Federal del Trabajo (Federal Labour Law-Mexico)
MTO	Money Transfer Operator
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
ODA	Official Development Assistance
ODIMM	Organization for Small and Medium Enterprises Sector Development (Moldova)
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OFW	Overseas Filipino Worker
OSCE	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
PDOS	Pre-departure Orientation Seminar
POEA	Philippine Overseas Employment Administration
PWC	Philippine Women Centre
RSP	Remittance Service Provider
SAPs	Structural Adjustment Programmes
UN	United Nations
UN DESA	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UN-INSTRAW	United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
OHCHR	United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
UN Women	The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
WB	World Bank
WIEGO	Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing
WHO	World Health Organization
WMWs	Women Migrant Workers

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