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ACABQ  Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
AU  African Union
CEB  United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination
CIS  Commonwealth of Independent States
CPC  Committee for Programme and Coordination
DPKO  Department of Peacekeeping Operations
DPRK  Democratic People's Republic of Korea
DRC  Democratic Republic of the Congo
ECA  Economic Commission for Africa
ECE  Economic Commission for Europe
ECLAC  Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
ECOWAS  Economic Community of West African States
ESC  Economic and Social Council
ESCAP  Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ESWA  Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
EU  European Union
FAO  Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FRY  Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
FYROM  The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
GA  General Assembly
GDP  gross domestic product
GNP  gross national product
HIPC  heavily indebted poor countries
IAEA  International Atomic Energy Agency
ICAO  International Civil Aviation Organization
ICJ  International Court of Justice
ICRC  International Committee of the Red Cross
ICTR  International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
ICTY  International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia
IDA  International Development Association
IFAD  International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFC  International Finance Corporation
ILO  International Labour Organization
IMF  International Monetary Fund
IMO  International Maritime Organization
INCB  International Narcotics Control Board
ITC  International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO)
ITU  International Telecommunication Union
IWE  International Wine and Environment Organization
LG least developed country
MDGs  Millennium Development Goals
MINUGUA  United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala
MINURSO  United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara
MONUC  United Nations Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
MRU  Mano River Union
NATO  North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NGO  non-governmental organization
NSGT  Non-Self-Governing Territory
OAS  Organization of American States
OAU  Organization of African Unity
OCHA  Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
ODA  official development assistance
OECD  Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OHCHR  Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
OIC  Organisation of Islamic Conference
OIS  Office of Internal Oversight Services
OSCE  Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
PA  Palestinian Authority
PLO  Palestine Liberation Organization
SC  Security Council
UN  United Nations
UNAIDS  Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNAMSIL  United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone
UNCTAD  United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDCP  United Nations International Drug Control Programme
UNDOF  United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (Golan Heights)
UNDP  United Nations Development Programme
UNEP  United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO  United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
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UNIDO  United Nations Industrial Development Organization
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UNMEE  United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea
UNMBH  United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina
UNMIBH  United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina
UNMIK  United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo
UNMOGIP  United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan
UNMOVIC  United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission
UNOMIG  United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia
UNOPS  United Nations Office for Project Services
UNRRA  United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
UNTAET  United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor
UNTSO  United Nations Truce Supervision Organization
UPU  Universal Postal Union
WFP  World Food Programme
WHO  World Health Organization
WIPO  World Intellectual Property Organization
WMDs  weapons of mass destruction
WMO  World Meteorological Organization
WTO  World Trade Organization
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Documents of certain bodies bear special symbols, including the following:

CD/- Conference on Disarmament
CERD/- Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
DC/- Disarmament Commission
DP/- United Nations Development Programme
HS/- Commission on Human Settlements
ITC/- International Trade Centre
TD/- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNEP/- United Nations Environment Programme

Many documents of the regional commissions bear special symbols. These are sometimes preceded by the following:

E/ECA/- Economic Commission for Africa
E/ECE/- Economic Commission for Europe
E/ECLAC/- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
E/ESCAP/- Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
E/ESCWA/- Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

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