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Abbreviations

AAA	Amateur Athletic Association
ACIQ	Advisory Committee on Imperial Questions, British Labour Party
AMSH	Association for Moral and Social Hygiene
BIRPI	United International Bureaux for the Protection of Intellectual Property
CEIP	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
CFR	Council on Foreign Relations
CPU	Church Peace Union
DEA	Department of External Affairs, Canada
FCC	Federal Council of Churches
GIAA	Geneva Institute for International Affairs
GSIS	Geneva School of International Studies
IAF	International Abolitionist Federation
IBSTWC	International Bureau for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women and Children
ICIC	International Committee on Intellectual Cooperation, League of Nations
ICW	International Council of Women
IFLNS	International Federation of League of Nations Societies
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMC	International Missionary Council
IOC	International Olympic Committee
IPC	International Peace Campaign
KCA	Kikuyu Central Association
LEP	League to Enforce Peace
LNA	League of Nations Non-Partisan Association
LNU	League of Nations Union
LRCS	League of Red Cross Societies
NVA	National Vigilance Association

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PCIJ	Permanent Court of International Justice
PMC	Permanent Mandates Commission, League of Nations
RIIA	Royal Institute of International Affairs
VAD	Voluntary Aid Detachment
WCC	World Council of Churches