



List of Abbreviations

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Abbreviation	Full form
AI	Artificial Intelligence
AP	Amended Protocol
APMBC	Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
ATT	Arms Trade Treaty
BWC	Biological (and Toxin) Weapons Convention (also BTWC)
CBM	Confidence Building Measure(s)
CCM	Cluster Munitions Convention
CCW	Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons
CSP	Conference of States Parties
CWC	Chemical Weapons Convention
CD	Conference on Disarmament
COPUOS	Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
CTBT	Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty
CTBTO	Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organisation
EORE/RE	Explosive ordnance risk education/risk education
ERW	Explosive remnant of war
EWIPA	Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas
FMCT	Fissile Material Cut Off Treaty
GGE	Group of Governmental Experts
HCOC	Hague Code of Conduct Against Ballistic Missile Proliferation
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
ICBL/CMC	International Campaign to Ban Landmines / Cluster Munition Coalition
ICBM	Intercontinental ballistic missile
ICJ	International Court of Justice
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
ICT	Information and communications technologies
IED	improvised explosive devices
IFRC	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
IHL	International Humanitarian Law
IL	International law
ISU	Implementation Support Unit
ITI	International Tracing Instrument
JCPOA	Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action
LAWS	Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems
ML	Machine Learning



MSP	Meeting of States Parties
MTCR	Missile Technology Control Regime
NDV	Nuclear Disarmament Verification
NPT	Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty
NSA	Negative Security Assurances
NWFZ	(regional) Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones
NSG	Nuclear Suppliers Group
OEWG	Open-Ended Working Group
OOSA	Office for Outer Space Affairs
OPCW	Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
OST	Outer Space Treaty
PAROS	Prevention of an arms race in outer space
(UN) PoA	Programme of Action on small arms and light weapons
PPWT	Draft Treaty on the Prevention of the Placement of Weapons in Outer Space, the Threat or Use of Force Against Outer Space Objects
PTBT	Partial Test Ban Treaty
SALW	Small Arms and Light Weapons
RC	Review Conference
SB	Subsidiary Body (of the Conference on Disarmament)
SSOD	Special Session [of the General Assembly] on Disarmament
TCBM	Transparency and Confidence Building Measures
TPNW	Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
UAV	Unmanned Uncrewed Aerial Vehicles (drones)
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
UNOG	United Nations Office at Geneva
UNOOSA	United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs
UXO	Unexploded ordnance
VA	Victim assistance
VCDNP	Vienna Centre for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation
WA	Wassenaar Arrangement
WG	Working Group
WMD	Weapons of mass destruction
WMDFZ	Weapon of mass destruction free zone

On space security related terminology please, also consult UNIDIR's Space Security Lexicon. This site has terms in all UN languages (this has no official status):

<https://spacesecuritylexicon.org/>

For a glossary of BWC national implementation terms designed for the UNIDIR-VERTIC BWC National Implementation Database, please consult the BWC NIM database glossary. This site has terms in all UN languages (this has no official status):

<https://bwcimplementation.org/page/glossary>

You can further consult the glossary of terms for UN Delegates:

https://unitar.org/sites/default/files/media/publication/doc/Glossary_E_0.pdf