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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS



AIPAC	: American Israel Public Affairs Committee
ASEAN	: Association of Southeast Asian Nations
AZCPA	: American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs
BDS	: Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions
CUFI	: Christian united for Israel
IGO	: Intergovernmental Organization
IR	: International Relations
JCPOA	: Joint Comprehensive plan of Action
KORUS	: US-Korea Free Trade Agreement
NAE	: National Association of Evangelicals
NGO	: Non-governmental Organization
NRA	: National Rifle Association
OIC	: Organization of Islamic Cooperation
UAE	: United Arab Emirates
UNSC	: United Nations Security Council
US	: United States of America
USSR	: Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

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