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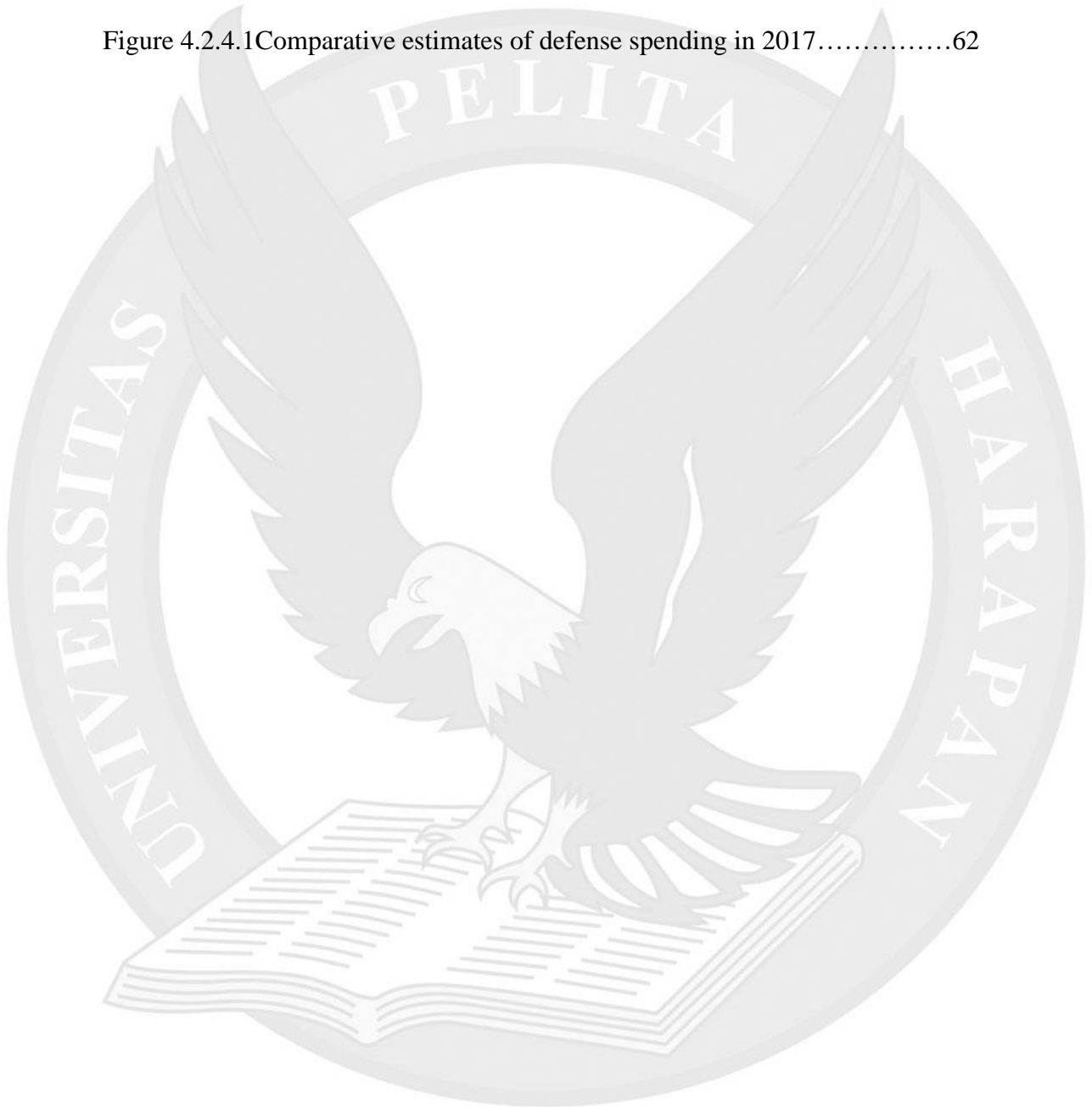
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS



AQAP	- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula
CIA	- Central Intelligence Army
FSA	-Free Syrian Army
GCC	- Gulf Cooperation Council
IRGC	- Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps
IRGC-QF	- Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps-Quds Forces
ISIL	- Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant
MENA	-Middle East and North Africa region
NDF	- National Defense Forces
NSF	-Syrian National Salvation Front
PMU	- Popular Mobilization Units
SLA	-Shia Liberation Army
STC	-Southern Transitional Council
UAE	- United Arab Emirates
UNSC	-United Nations of Security Council
JCPOA	-Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action

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