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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AQAP	: Al-Qaeda in Arab Peninsula
AQI	: Al-Qaeda in Iraq
AQIM	: Al-Qaeda Islamic Maghreb
GWOT	: Global War on Terrorism
IS	: Islamic State
ISIL	: Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant
ISIS	: Islamic State of Iraq and Syria
NATO	: North Atlantic Treaty Organization
SDF	: Syrian Democratic Forces
UK	: United Kingdom
UN	: United Nations
UNOCT	: United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism
UNSC	: United Nations Security Council
US	: United States
WMD	: Weapon of Mass Destruction

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