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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BEST	Business Environment Simplification Task-force
CBM	Central Bank of Malta
CHOGM	Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting
CMTU	Confederation of Malta Trade Unions
EMU	Economic and Monetary Union
ETC	Employment and Training Corporation
EU	European Union
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FOI	Malta Federation of Industry
GBC	Gozo Business Chamber
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GRTU	General Retailers and Traders Union
GWU	General Workers' Union
HRD	Human Resource/s Development
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IMD	International Institute for Management Development
IPSE	Institute for the Promotion of Small Enterprise
IT	Information Technology
MSA	Malta Standards Authority
MCA	Malta Communications Authority
MCAST	Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology
MCESD	Malta Council for Economic and Social Development
MCST	Malta Council for Science and Technology
MEA	Malta Employers' Association
MHRA	Malta Hotels and Restaurants Association
MMA	Malta Maritime Authority
MRA	Malta Resources Authority
MTA	Malta Tourism Authority
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement

NGO	Non-Government Organisation
NSO	National Statistics Office
NPCC	National Productivity and Competitiveness Council
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
R&D	Research and Development
SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
SCOOPS	School Cooperatives
SME	Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise
SMPPMA	Special Market Policy Programme for Maltese Agriculture
UHM	Union Haddiema Maghqudin
VAT	Value Added Tax
WSC	Water Services Corporation
WTO	World Trade Organisation