

Abbreviations

AB	Appellate Body
AC	Administrative Council
ACISD	Advisory Center on Investor-State Disputes
ACWL	Advisory Centre on WTO Law
ADR	Alternative dispute resolution
AIA	America Invents Act
AIPLA	American Intellectual Property Law Association
ALJ	Administrative law judge
ANVISA	Brazilian National Health Surveillance Agency
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
AUPC	Agreement on a Unified Patent Court
BA/BoA	Boards of Appeal
BIT	Bilateral investment treaty
BR	Basic Regulation
CAFC	US Court of Appeals of Federal Circuit
CEIPI	Center for International Intellectual Property Studies
CIPA	Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys
CJ	Court of Justice
CJEU	Court of Justice of the European Union
CoE	Council of Europe
COM	European Commission
COPAC	Community Patent Appeal Court Common to Contracting States
CPC	Community Patent Convention
CPR	Community Patent Regulation
CPTPP	Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership
CPVO	Community Plant Variety Office

CPVR	Community Plant Variety Right
DG	Directorate General
DOE	Doctrine of Equivalents
DS	Dispute settlement
DSB	Dispute Settlement Body
DSU	Dispute Settlement Understanding
DUS	Distinctness, uniformity and stability
EBA/EBoA	Enlarged Board of Appeal
EC	European Community
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights
ECJ	European Court of Justice
ECommHR	European Commission of Human Rights
ECPC	European and Community Patents Court
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
EEA	European Economic Area
EEC	European Economic Community
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EIPIN	European Intellectual Property Institutes Network
EIPR	European Intellectual Property Review
EPAs	Economic Partnerships
EPC	European Patent Convention
EPJ	European Patent Judiciary
EPLA	European Patent Litigation Agreement
EPO	European Patent Office
EU	European Union
EUIPO	European Union Intellectual Property Office (formerly known as OHIM)
EUTMR	European Trade Mark Regulation
EWCA	Court of Appeal for England and Wales
FCTC	Framework Convention on Tobacco Control
FDI	Foreign direct investment
FOSS	Free and Open Source Software
FRAND	Fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory declaration

FTAs	Free trade agreements
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GC	General Court
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GI	Geographical indication
GINT	Grundig International
HRs	Human rights
ICSID	International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes
ICTSD	International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development
IPI	International Intellectual Property Institute
ILC	International Law Commission
ILO	International Labour Organization
IP	Intellectual property
IPLA	Intellectual Property Law Association
IPO	Intellectual Property Owners Association
IPR	Intellectual property rights
ISDS	Investor-state dispute settlement
ISP	Internet service provider
ITC	International Trade Commission
JPAA	Japan Patent Attorneys Association
JPO	Japan Patent Office
MAS	Mutually agreed solution
METI	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
MFN	Most-favoured nation
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
NIPO	Norwegian Industrial Property Office
NPE	Non-practicing entity
OHIM	Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market
OSIM	National Trademark and Patent Office of Romania
P2P	Peer-to-peer
PPI	Protocol on Privileges and Immunities

PTAB	Patent Trial and Appeal Board
PTO	Patent and Trademark Office
QAS	Quality audit service
RCEP	Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership
RCO	Romanian Copyright Office
RFC	Request for consultations only
RoP	Rules of Procedure
RPBA	Rules of Procedure of the Boards of Appeal
SCJ	Statute of the Court of Justice
SIPJ	Specialized Intellectual Property Jurisdiction
SPC	Supplementary Protection Certificate
SUPC	Statute of the Unified Patent Court
TEU	Treaty on European Union
TFEU	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
TP	Technical Protocol
TPB	'The Pirate Bay' file-sharing service
TP CDH	Travaux Préparatoires to the Convention
TPP	Trans-Pacific Partnership
TRIPS	Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
TTIP	Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UN	United Nations
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNTS	United Nations Treaty Series
UPC	Unified Patent Court
UPCA	Unified Patent Court Agreement
UPCS	Statute of the Unified Patent Court
UPOV Convention	International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants
USITC	United States International Trade Commission
USPTO	United States Patent and Trademark Office
USTR	Office of the US Trade Representative
VCLT	Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization

WPL	Working Party on Litigation
WTO	World Trade Organization

