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List of Abbreviations

ALBA	Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of our America
ANDI	National Industrial Association
ANEP	National Association of Private Business
ARENA	National Republican Alliance
BANAMER	Bank of America
BANCENTRO	Nicaraguan Bank of Industry and Commerce
BANEX	Export Bank
BGA	Honduran Savings Bank Group
CACM	Central American Common Market
CAFTA-DR	Central American and Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement
CCIAIP	Chamber of Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture of Panama
CD	Democratic Change
CME	Coordinated Market Economies
CFTZ	Colón Free Trade Zone
CNR	National Center for Registries
COENA	National Executive Council of Arena
CONADI	National Investment Corporation
COSEP	Superior Council of the Private Enterprise
DBG	Diversified Business Group
EGI	General Investment Company
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FIASA	Industrial and Agricultural Financial company
FMLN	Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front
FRG	Guatemalan Republican Front
GAF	Group Affiliated Firm
GAN (El Salvador)	Grand Alliance for National Unity
GAN (Guatemala)	Grand National Alliance
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEFG	American General Electric Finance Group
HME	Hierarchical Market Economies
LAFISE	Latin American Finance Services
LIBRE	Freedom and Refounding party

LME	Liberal Market Economies
ML	Libertarian Movement
MNC	Multinational Corporation
PA	Panamenista Party
PAC	Citizens Action Party
PAN	National Progress Party
PLC	Constitutionalist Liberal Party
PLH	Liberal Party of Honduras
PLN	National Liberation Party
PNH	National Party of Honduras
PRD	Democratic Revolutionary Party
PUD	Democratic Unification Party
PUSC	Social Christian Unity Party
R&D	Research and Development
SAF	Stand-alone Firm
SICA	System of Central American Integration
TFP	Total Factor Productivity
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VoC	Varieties of Capitalism