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List of Abbreviations

ACAN-EFE	Agencia Centroamericana de Noticias-EFE (Central American News Agency)
AFP	Agence France-Presse
APREDE	Asociación para la Prevención del Delito (Association for Crime Prevention)
AML	Anti-Maras Law
ARENA	Alianza Republicana Nacionalista (Nationalist Republican Alliance)
Art.	Article
BKS	Breakeros (mara-gang name)
CCP	Code of Criminal Procedures
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CLE	Criminal Law for the Enemy (also ECL: Enemy Criminal Law)
CO.BA.MA.	Conocimientos Básicos en Maras (Basic Knowledge on Maras)
COFADEH	Comité de Familiares de Detenidos-Desaparecidos en Honduras (Committee of Relatives of the Disappeared in Honduras)
CRASH	Community Resources against Street Hoodlums
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DINC	División de Investigación Criminal (Criminal Investigation Division)
E.R.E.M.	Educación para Resistir y Evitar las Maras (Education to Resist and Avoid the Maras)
ETA	Euskadi Ta Askatasuna (Basque Fatherland and Liberty)
FAR	Fuerzas Armadas Rebeldes (Rebel Armed Forces)
FESPAD	Fundación de Estudios para la Aplicación del Derecho (Foundation Studies for the Application of Law)
FMLN	Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front)
FRG	Frente Republicano Guatemalteco (Guatemalan Republican Front)
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
ICCPG	Instituto de Estudios Comparados en Ciencias Penales de Guatemala (Guatemalan Institute for Comparative Studies of Penal Sciences)
IHNFA	Instituto Hondureño de la Niñez y la Familia (Honduran Institute of Children and Family)
ICE	Immigration and Customs Enforcement Division
IIRAIRA	Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act
INS	Immigration and Naturalization Service
IRCA	Immigration Reform and Control Act
JHA-JA	Jóvenes Hondureños Adelante, Juntos Avancemos (Forward Young Hondurans, Together We Advance)
L.A.	Los Angeles
LAPD	Los Angeles Police Department
MR-12	Movimiento Revolucionario 12 de abril (Revolutionary Movement 12 th April)
MR-13	Movimiento Revolucionario 13 de noviembre (Revolutionary Movement 13 th November)
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
OCAVI	Observatorio Centroamericano sobre Violencia (The Central American Observatory on Violence)
PCN	Partido de Conciliación Nacional (Party of National Conciliation)
PNC	Policía Nacional Civil (National Civilian Police)
STEP Act	Street Terrorism Enforcement and Prevention Act
TPS	Temporary Protected Status

UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
URNG	Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity)
U.S.	United States
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USAID-SICA	United States Agency for International Development – Sistema de Integración Centroamericana (Central American Integration System)
WF	Wifers (mara-gang name)
ZTP	Zero tolerance policing