

List of Acronyms

AGP	(WTO) Agreement on Government Procurement
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (forum)
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
BSE	bovine spongiform encephalopathy
CA4	Central America Four
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CCFTA	Canada-Chile Free Trade Agreement
CCRFTA	Canada-Costa Rica Free Trade Agreement
CDIA	Canadian direct investment abroad
CIFTA	Canada-Israel Free Trade Agreement
CMP	Canada-Mexico Partnership
CSR	corporate social responsibility
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EU	European Union
FDI	foreign direct investment
FIPA	foreign investment promotion and protection agreement
FTA	free trade agreement
FTAA	Free Trade Area of the Americas
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GCC	Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (formerly Gulf Cooperation Council)
GDP	gross domestic product
ITARS	International Traffic in Arms Regulations
LDC	least developed country
Mercosur	Southern Common Market
MOU	memorandum of understanding
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OIE	World Organisation for Animal Health
R&D	research and development
SPP	Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America
TIEA	Trade and investment enhancement agreement
TRIPS Agreement	Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
U.S.- CAFTA-DR	free trade agreement between the United States, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua
WHTI	Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative
WTO	World Trade Organization