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Acronyms

ASAT	— antisatellite weapon	NAS Act	— National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958
CD	— U.N. Committee on Disarmament	NGO	— nongovernment organizations
CHM	— Common Heritage of Mankind	NIEO	— New International Economic Order
COMSAT	— U.S. Satellite Communications Corp.	NWIO	— New World Information Order
COMSAT Act	— Communications Satellite Act of 1962	OES	— Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs
COPUOS	— U.N. Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space	OSAD	— U.N. Outer Space Affairs Division
CRS	— Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress	OTA	— Office of Technology Assessment
BBS	— direct broadcast satellite	Prep. Committee	— Preparatory Committee formed by COPUOS to prepare conference report
IOD	— Department of Defense	RF	— radiofrequency
ESA	— European Space Agency	SPOT	— Systeme Probatoire Observationale Terrestre (land remote-sensing system)
FAO	— Food and Agriculture Organization	TM	— thematic mapper
FCC	— Federal Communications Commission	U.N.	— United Nations
G-77	— Group of 77	UNCSTD	— U.N. Conference on Science, Technology, and Development
GSO	— geostationary orbit	UNDP	— U.N. Development Program
IAF	— International Astronautical Federation	UNDRO	— U.N. Disaster Relief Organization
CA	— International Communications Administration	UNEP	— U.N. Environment Program
VMARSAT	— International Maritime Satellite Organization	UNESCO	— U.N. Education Science and Cultural Organization
NTELSAT	— International Telecommunications Satellite Organization	UNGA	— United Nations General Assembly
ITU	— International Telecommunication Union	UNISPACE	— United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space
landsat	— U.S. Land-Remote Sensing Program	USAID	— U.S. Agency for International Development
DC	— lesser developed country	WARC	— World Administrative Radio Conference
IARISAT	— International Maritime Satellite Organization	WMO	— World Meteorological Organization
[LA	— multispectral-linear array		
[Ps	— materials processing in space		
[ss	— multispectral scanner		
ASA	— National Aeronautics and Space Administration		

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