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The following abbreviations are used in the entries:

AU	African Union, formerly Organization of African Unity (OAU)
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
EC	European Communities
EU	European Union
GNP	Gross National Product
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
IMF	International Monetary Fund
MERCOSUR	Southern Cone Common Market
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
UK	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
UN	United Nations US United States of America
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics