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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AIDS	: Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
ASEAN-ACT	: Association of Southeast Asian Nations- Australia Counter-Trafficking
EU	: European Union
HIV	: Human Immunodeficiency Virus
ILO	: International Labour Organization
INGOs	: International Non-governmental Organizations
IOs	: International Organizations
LGBTQI	: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex
MOI	: Ministry of Interior
MSDHS	: Ministry of Social Development and Human Security
NGOs	: Non-Governmental Organizations
OHCHR	: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
R&R	: Rest and Recreation
STDs	: Sexually Transmitted Diseases
TAT	: Tourism Authority of Thailand
TIJ	: Thai Institute of Justice
UN	: United Nations
UNDOC	: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
US	: United States