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AA	German Federal Foreign Office ( <i>Auswärtiges Amt</i> )
ACP	African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States
AECID	Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation ( <i>Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo</i> )
AFD	French Development Agency ( <i>Agence française de développement</i> )
BMZ	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development ( <i>Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung</i> )
CDU	Christian Democratic Union of Germany ( <i>Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands</i> )
CICI	Spanish Interministerial Committee for International Cooperation ( <i>Comité Interministerial de Cooperación Internacional</i> )
CICID	French Interministerial Committee for Cooperation and Development ( <i>Comité interministériel de la coopération internationale et du développement</i> )
CNDSI	French National Council for Development and International Solidarity ( <i>Conseil national du Développement et de la Solidarité internationale</i> )
CONGDE	Umbrella organisation of Spanish development NGOs ( <i>Coordinadora de ONG para el Desarrollo España</i> )
CSP	EU ‘Country Strategy Paper’
CSU	German party Christian Social Union in Bavaria ( <i>Christlich-Soziale Union in Bayern</i> )
DAC	Development Assistance Committee (of the OECD)
DCP	French ‘Partnership Framework Document’ ( <i>Document Cadre de Partenariat</i> )
DG	Directorate-General
DGCID	Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development ( <i>Direction générale de la Coopération Internationale et du Développement</i> ) within the MAEDI
DGM	Directorate-General for Globalisation, Culture, Education and International Development ( <i>Direction générale de la mondialisation, de la culture, de l’éducation et du développement international</i> ) within the French MAEDI

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DGPOLDE	Directorate-General for Development Policy Planning and Evaluation ( <i>Dirección General de Planificación y Evaluación de Políticas de Desarrollo</i> ) within the Spanish MAEC
EC	European Community
EDF	European Development Fund
EEC	European Economic Community
EU	European Union
FAD	Spanish Development Aid Fund ( <i>Fondo de Ayuda al Desarrollo</i> )
FDP	German Free Democratic Party ( <i>Freie Demokratische Partei</i> )
FIEM	Spanish Corporate Internationalisation Fund ( <i>Fondo para la Internacionalización de la Empresa</i> )
FONPRODE	Spanish Fund for the Promotion of Development ( <i>Fondo para la Promoción del Desarrollo</i> )
FRIDE	Spanish Foundation for International Relations and External Dialogue ( <i>Fundación para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior</i> )
GDP	Gross domestic product
GIZ	German Agency for International Cooperation ( <i>Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit</i> )
GKKE	Joint Conference Church and Development ( <i>Gemeinsame Konferenz Kirche und Entwicklung</i> )
GNI	Gross national income*
GNP	Gross national product
HCCI	French High Council for International Cooperation ( <i>Haut Conseil de la Coopération Internationale</i> )
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IR	International Relations
JP	Joint programming
KfW	German Bank for Reconstruction and Development ( <i>Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau</i> )
LDC	Least-developed country

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\* The ratio of the GNI spent on official development assistance is the most commonly used figure to describe a donor's financial efforts devoted to development in relation to the size of its economy. Before 2001, the Gross National Product (GNP) was the commonly used denominator. The replacement of the GNP with the GNI results, however, in "little difference in the actual number" (Lancaster 2007, *ibid.*: 12).

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LIC	Low-income country
LMIC	Lower-middle-income country
MAEC	Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation ( <i>Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores y de Cooperación</i> )
MAEDI	French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development ( <i>Ministère des Affaires étrangères et du Développement international</i> )
MAP	Spanish ‘Country Partnership Framework’ ( <i>Marco de Asociación País</i> )
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MIC	Middle-income country
MINECO	Spanish Ministry for Economy and Competitiveness ( <i>Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad</i> )
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
ODA	Official development assistance
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
PACI	Spanish Annual Plan of International Cooperation ( <i>Plan Anual de Cooperación Internacional</i> )
PP	French category of ‘poor countries’ ( <i>pays pauvres</i> )
PPP	French category of ‘poor priority countries’ ( <i>pays pauvres prioritaires</i> )
PSOE	Spanish Socialist Workers’ Party ( <i>Partido Socialista Obrero Español</i> )
SECI	Spanish State Secretariat for International Cooperation ( <i>Secretaría de Estado de Cooperación Internacional</i> )
SECIPI	Spanish State Secretariat for International Cooperation and Latin America ( <i>Secretaría de Estado de Cooperación Internacional y para Iberoamérica</i> )
SGCID	Spanish General Secretariat for International Development Cooperation ( <i>Secretaría General de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo</i> )
SPD	Social Democratic Party of Germany ( <i>Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands</i> )
TEU	Treaty on European Union
UMIC	Upper-middle-income country
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme

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UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
VENRO	Umbrella organisation of German development NGOs ( <i>Verband Entwicklungspolitik Deutscher Nichtregierungsorganisationen</i> )
ZSP	French 'priority zone of solidarity' ( <i>zone de solidarité prioritaire</i> )