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## Preface to the Second Edition

For a number of years, the usefulness of Gale's *Acronyms, Initialisms, and Abbreviations Dictionary* has been augmented by a companion volume, *Reverse Acronyms, Initialisms, and Abbreviations Dictionary*, in which the same entries are arranged alphabetically by *meaning* of the abbreviation.

It was felt that users of *International Acronyms, Initialisms, and Abbreviations Dictionary (IAIAD)* would also find a similar rearrangement of terms helpful, and the result is this edition of *Reverse International Acronyms, Initialisms, and Abbreviations Dictionary (RIAIAD)*.

### International Series Comprises Three Volumes

As Volume 3 of the International series, *RIAIAD* lists the same 110,000 terms as Volume 1 (*IAIAD*), but access is through the *meaning of the abbreviation*, rather than the abbreviation itself. Volume 2, *New International Acronyms, Initialisms, and Abbreviations*, consists of two interedition supplements to the main volumes. Each of these supplements is comprised of two sections: By Acronym and By Meaning, thus incorporating features of both *IAIAD* and *RIAIAD* by providing two ways to access the terms.

### What Is Covered?

*Reverse International Acronyms, Initialisms, and Abbreviations Dictionary* contains the same entries as *IAIAD*. The major criterion for inclusion is that a term be clearly international in scope or be continental, regional, national, or local to a foreign area. Because *IAIAD* includes British and Canadian terms, they are excluded from *IAIAD* and *RIAIAD* (unless they have international significance).

Over 150 countries are represented. The majority of terms are of current interest, but historical entries are also included. The range of subjects covered is virtually unlimited and includes societies; military terms, political parties, trade and commerce terms, labor unions, government units, research centers, nuclear energy terms, and thousands of commonly abbreviated words in nearly two dozen languages.

### Compilation and Format

Entries in this series were compiled from a variety of published sources, miscellaneous newspaper and newsmagazine references, lists provided by foreign consulates, government publications, terms provided by outside contributors, and independent research by the editorial staff.

In many cases, sources gave the meanings of terms in the original languages, often accompanied by English translations. Other sources, however, provided only the English meaning for a foreign-language acronym or initialism. A given term, therefore, might appear either under its original language or under its English translation:

Corps Polisi Militar [Military Police Corps] (IN)..... CPM  
Corrective Labor Home (RU)..... IDT

### Major Sources Cited

Each term from a major published source is followed by a parenthetical alphabetic code in small capitals. In the examples above, for instance, "(IN)" refers to *Reference Aid: Glossary of Indonesian*



*Abbreviations and Acronyms* and "(RU)" to *Glossary of Russian Abbreviations and Acronyms*. For the user's convenience, a key to these symbols can be found on the end sheets. In addition, complete bibliographical information about the publications cited is given in the List of Sources Cited.

### **Need for a Guide Evident**

Foreign acronyms and abbreviations are created in at least as great a variety of ways as are their English counterparts. The most common procedure in any language is simply to use the initial letters of major words in a term:

Agencia del Ministerio Publico ..... AMP

Sometimes, however, *all* words in a term are represented in the initialism, including articles, prepositions, etc.:

Izba Kontroli Rachunkowej Poczty i Telekomunikacji ..... IKRPiT

Or, the first syllables or a *part* of each word, rather than initial letters, are used to form the acronym:

Cooperative des Producteur du Riz au Burundi ..... COPRORIBU

Frequently, foreign terms that are particularly long are shortened by representing only the first several words:

Accion Universitaria Democrata de la Facultad de Derecho  
y Ciencias Sociales ..... AUD

Yet another method uses only *selected* words, often the first and last, to create a telescoped form:

Consortium Europeen pour le Developpement des Ressources  
Naturelles de l'Afrique ..... CONSAFRIQUE

These and other intricate variations on the simple creation of an acronym or initialism make essential a guide such as *Reverse International Acronyms, Initialisms, and Abbreviations Dictionary*.

As political, economic, and cultural interdependence among nations continues to grow, *RIAIAD* will increasingly eliminate guesswork and tiresome searches by providing acceptable abbreviated forms quickly and accurately in a wide range of languages and subjects.

Comments and suggestions are welcome.

# Editorial Policies

A typical entry would provide the foreign-language word or phrase, its English translation, identification of the language or country of origin, a source code, and the foreign abbreviation. Many entries, however, do not contain all these elements; the completeness of a listing is dependent upon the information provided by the source.

Many entries are without English translations, and others consist only of the English expansion of the foreign acronym. It is felt, however, that even partial information will be helpful to a user and, consequently, as noted in the preface, a given term might appear either under its original language or under its English translation. If additional information or a translation becomes available in future research, an entry will be revised.

## Special Characters, Transliteration

It was recognized at an early stage of compilation that complete consistency would be an elusive goal. *RIAIAD* includes a multitude of languages, and sources vary in form and treatment of entries. As a result, most terms have been picked up exactly as given by the cited source.

Font limitations preclude the typesetting of diacritics, ligatures, and so forth. Where possible, however, affected letters have been altered according to accepted standards. (The German *für* became *fuer*, for example.)

Not surprisingly, various sources reflect differing systems or philosophies of transliteration. No attempt has been made to alter the original entries by applying a single system of transliteration. The potpourri of languages and sources represented makes complete consistency of treatment impossible. It is felt, however, that since *RIAIAD* is aimed at a general audience rather than linguistic specialists, the simpler course will serve the needs of the general user satisfactorily.

## Arrangement of Terms

Terms are arranged alphabetically in word-by-word sequence according to the *meaning* of the acronym, initialism, or abbreviation. If a particular meaning has more than one initialism representing it, the various choices are then subarranged alphabetically, letter-by-letter, as they are in Volume 1 (*IAIAD*).

Neither ampersands, articles, conjunctions, nor prepositions are considered in the alphabetizing; hyphenated terms are treated as separate words. Material within brackets, such as English translations, subject categories, or explanations, is not considered in alphabetizing.

Entries containing digits follow the basic form of the phrase, but precede all alphabetic forms; entries in which the number is spelled out are filed alphabetically; Roman numerals are filed as letters.

For example:

<b>Allianza</b> [Alliance] [Spanish] (WER) .....	A
<b>Allianza</b> [Alliance] [Spanish] .....	AL
<b>Allianza 3</b> [Third Alliance] [Spanish] (WER) .....	A3
<b>Allianza Americana</b> [American Alliance] [Spanish] (WER) .....	AA
<b>Allianza Anti-Imperialista Argentina</b> [Argentine Anti-Imperialist Alliance] (LA) .....	AAIA
<b>Allianza Anticomunista Argentina</b> [Argentinian Anti-Communist Alliance] .....	AAA

**Alianza para la Colaboracion Economica** [*Alliance for Economic Collaboration*] (LA1) ..... ACE  
**Alianza Guatemalteca de Unidad Patriotica** [*Guatemalan Committee of Patriotic Unity*] (PD) ..... AGUP  
**Alianza II** [*Second Alliance*] ..... AII  
**Alianza de Izquierda Nacional** [*National Left Alliance*] [*Bolivian*] (COL) ..... AIN  
**Alianza Popular** [*Popular Alliance*] [*Spanish*] (COL) ..... AP  
**Alianza Revolucionaria Barrientista** [*Bolivian*] (PPW) ..... ARB

# List of Sources Cited

Unless further described in an annotation, the publications listed here contain no additional information about the acronym, initialism, or abbreviation cited in *Reverse International Acronyms, Initialisms, and Abbreviations Dictionary*.

Each of these sources contributed at least 50 terms. A number of other sources, contributing only a few terms each, have not been included.

- (ADA) *The Australian Dictionary of Acronyms and Abbreviations*. 2nd ed. Comp. by David J. Jones. Leura, NSW, Australia: Second Back Row Press Pty. Ltd., 1981.

Collection includes unpublished material.

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- (ARC) *Agricultural Research Centres: A World Directory of Organizations and Programmes*. 2 vols. Ed. by Nigel Harvey. Harlow, Essex, England: Longman Group, 1983; distributed in US by Gale Research Co., Detroit.

A world guide to official, educational, industrial, and independent research centers which support research in the fields of agriculture, veterinary medicine, horticulture, aquaculture, food science, forestry, zoology, and botany.

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These standard codes, approved by the International Organization for Standardization and the American National Standards Institute, are used in the international interchange of data in many fields.

- (COL) *Diccionario de Siglas y Aconismos Colombianos*. 2nd ed. By Adela Sanabria Parra. Bogota: Instituto Colombiano para el Fomento de la Educacion Superior, 1976.

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- (EA) *Encyclopedia of Associations*. 21st ed. Vol. 1, *National Organizations of the U.S.* Ed. by Katherine Gruber. Detroit: Gale Research Co., 1986.
- A guide to trade, professional, and other nonprofit associations that are national and international in scope and membership and that are headquartered in the United States. Entries include name and address; telephone and telex number; chief official; and a description of the purpose; activities; and structure of the organization.
- (EA-IO) *Encyclopedia of Associations*. 21st ed. Vol. 4, *International Organizations*. Ed. by Karin E. Koek. Detroit: Gale Research Co., 1987.
- A guide to trade, professional, and other nonprofit associations that are international in scope and membership and that are headquartered outside the United States. Entries include name and address; principal foreign language name; telephone and telex number; chief official; and a description of the purpose, activities, and structure of the organization.
- (EG) *Reference Aid: Glossary of Special Terms, Acronyms and Abbreviations as Used in East German and Other German Publications*. Arlington, Va.: Joint Publications Research Service, 1975.
- (EISS) *Encyclopedia of Information Systems and Services*. 7th ed. Ed. by Amy Lucas and Kathleen Young Marcaccio. Detroit: Gale Research Co., 1987.
- An international guide to computer-readable databases, database producers and publishers, online vendors and time-sharing companies, telecommunications networks, and many other information systems and services. Entries include name and address, telephone number, chief official, and a detailed description of the purpose and function of the system or service.
- (GC) *Reference Aid: Abbreviations, Acronyms and Special Terms in the Press of Greece and Cyprus*. Arlington, Va.: Joint Publications Research Service, 1977.
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- (GEA) *Government Economic Agencies of the World: An International Directory of Governmental Organisations concerned with Economic Development and Planning*. A Keesing's Reference Publication. Ed. by Alan J. Day. Harlow, Essex, England: Longman Group Ltd., 1985; distributed in US by Gale Research Co., Detroit.
- Covers over 170 countries and territories. Two introductory sections for each area cover economic data and prevailing economic and political conditions. Individual entries provide title, address, and names of chief officials of each agency. Current activities and financial structure of each agency are also detailed. An index of agency officials is provided.
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- (IRC) *International Research Centers Directory 1986-1987*. 3rd ed. Ed. by Kay Gill and Darren L. Smith. Detroit: Gale Research Co., 1986 (And supplements, ed. by Darren L. Smith, 1986).
- A world guide to government, university, independent, nonprofit, and commercial research and development centers, institutes, laboratories, bureaus, test

facilities, experiment stations, and data collection and analysis centers, as well as foundations, councils, and other organizations which support research.

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- (MAR) Private collection of African abbreviations. Lawrence Marwick, late head of the Hebraic section, Library of Congress.
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- (POL) *Abbreviations in the Polish Press.* Translations on Eastern Europe: Political, Sociological, and Military Affairs, no. 88. Arlington, Va.: Joint Publications Research Service, 1969.
- (PPE) *Political Parties of Europe.* 2 vols. Ed. by Vincent E. McHale. The Greenwood Historical Encyclopedia of the World's Political Parties. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1983.

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