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ABBREVIATIONS

BTC	Biotechnology Council
EDCS	Expediency Discernment Council of the System
EOR	enhanced oil recovery
EPC	engineering, procurement and construction
FDI	foreign direct investment
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FYDP	Five-Year Development Plan
GDP	gross domestic product
GERD	gross expenditure on R&D
ICT	information and communication technology
IDRO	Industrial Development and Renovation Organization
IMIDRO	Iranian Mines and Mining Industries Development and Renovation Organization
INSO	Iranian National Standards Organization
IOC	international oil company
IOR	improved oil recovery
IPC	Iranian Petroleum Contract
IPF	Innovation and Prosperity Fund (also sometimes called the Innovation and Development Fund)
IPR	intellectual property rights
IPRC	Islamic Parliament Research Center
IRPHE	Institute of Research and Planning for Higher Education
IVCA	Iranian Venture Capital Association
JCPOA	Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action
KBE	knowledge-based economy
KBF	knowledge-based firm
MEAF	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance
MIMT	Ministry of Industry, Mines and Trade
MNE	multinational enterprise
MOA	Ministry of Agriculture
MOD	Ministry of Defense
MOHME	Ministry of Health and Medical Education
MOP	Ministry of Petroleum
MPO	Management and Planning Organisation (predecessor of PBO)
MSRT	Ministry of Science Research and Technology
MULC	Maximum Utilization of Local Capabilities (Law)
NDF	National Development Fund
NIGC	National Iranian Gas Company
NIGEB	National Institute of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology
NIOC	National Iranian Oil Company
NIORDC	National Iranian Oil Refining and Distribution Company
NPC	National Petrochemical Company
NIS	national innovation system
NMPSE	National Master Plan for Science and Education (or Comprehensive Scientific Road Map)
NRCGEB	National Research Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology
NTBF	new technology-based firm
NSF	National Science Foundation
O&G	oil and gas
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PBO	Planning and Budget Organization (formerly the MPO)
PTP	Pardis Technology Park
R&D	research and development
RIPi	Research Institute of the Petroleum Industry
RTD	research and technology development
S&E	science and engineering
S&T	science and technology

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