

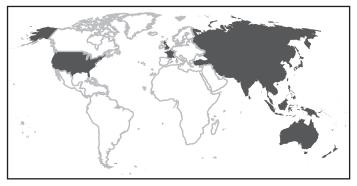
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#### **Abbreviations**

ADB Asian Development Bank

APEC Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASYCUDA Automated System for Customs Data
CBTA Cross-Border Transport Agreement

CO Certificate of Origin

ECA Economic Commission for Africa
ECE Economic Commission for Europe

EDI electronic data interchange

ESCAP Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

FDI foreign direct investment

GATT General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

GCI Global Competitiveness Index

GDP gross domestic product
GMS Greater Mekong Subregion

HS Harmonized System

ICC International Chamber of Commerce

ICT information and communications technology

MOU memorandum of understanding

OECD Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

ppp purchasing power parity

SAARC South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

SAFE WCO SAFE Framework of Standards
SPS sanitary and phytosanitary measures

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