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### **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

**DOTS** brand name of the internationally recommended strategy

for tuberculosis control until 2005 and the basis of the Stop TB

Strategy initiated in 2006

HIV human immunodeficiency virus

LTBI latent tuberculosis infection

MDR-TB multidrug-resistant tuberculosis

**PLHIV** person living with HIV infection

WHO World Health Organization

**XDR-TB** extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis

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