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List of Abbreviations

AFSJ  Area of Freedom, Security And Justice
ALDE  Political Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
CATS  Comité de l'article trente-six (Council Committee of senior officials coming from the national justice or interior ministries)
Copen  Coopération Pénale’ (Council Working Party on Cooperation in Criminal Matters)
Coreper  Comité des Représentants Permanents (Council Committee of Permanent Representatives)
DG  Directorate-General (of the Commission)
Droopen  Droit Pénale (Council Working Party on Substantive Criminal Law)
EAW  European Arrest Warrant
EC  European Community
ECD  Environmental Crime Directive
ECSC  European Coal and Steel Community
EDPS  European Data Protection Supervisor
EEC  European Economic Community
EEW  European Evidence Warrant
ENVI  Parliamentary Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
EPP  European People’s Party
EU  European Union
GUE/NGL  European United Left/Nordic Green Left
IGC  Intergovernmental Conference
JHA  Justice and Home Affairs
JURI  Parliamentary Committee on Legal Affairs
LIBE  Parliamentary Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
MEP  Member of European Parliament
PES  Party of European Socialists
PCWP  Police Cooperation Working Party
QMV  Qualified Majority Voting
SCIFA  Strategic Committee on Immigration, Frontiers and Asylum
SIS  Schengen Information System
VIS  Visa Information System
VIS-Access  Law enforcement access to the Visa Information System