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GLOSSARY

AFTA	ASEAN Free Trade Area
AMM	ASEAN Ministerial Meeting
ANC	ASEAN National Committee
ANS	ASEAN National Secretariat
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Organization
ARF	ASEAN Regional Forum
ARF SOM	ARF Senior Official Meetings
ASA	Association of Southeast Asia
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASEAN SEOM	ASEAN Senior Economic Senior Officials Meetings
ASEAN SOM	ASEAN Senior Officials Meetings
ASEM	Asia-Europe Meeting
CCP	Chinese Communist Party
CEPT	Common Effective Preferences Tariffs
CERC	Commission for External Relations of the CPV
CMEA	Council for Mutual Economic Assistance
COC	Code of Conduct in the South China Sea
CPV	Communist Party of Vietnam
DOC	Declaration of Code of Conduct in the South China Sea

DRV	Democratic Republic of Vietnam
FMC	Foreign Ministers Conference (among Indochinese Foreign Ministers)
ICK	International Conference on Kampuchea
MAPHILINDO	Malaysia, the Philippines, and Indonesia
MCP	Malaysian Communist Party
MOF	Ministry of Finance
MOFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MOT	Ministry of Trade
MPS	Ministry of Public Security
NAM	The Non-Aligned Movement
NCIEC	National Committee for International Economic Cooperation
NLF	National Liberation Front
PRC	People's Republic of China
PRG	Preliminary Revolutionary Government
SEAC	Southeast Asian Command
SEATO	Southeast Asian Treaty Organization
TAC	Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia
USA	United States of America
WTO	World Trade Organization
ZOPFAN	Zone of Peace, Freedom, and Neutrality

