Abbreviations and acronyms

ADR Alternative Dispute Resolution AfCHPR African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights CARICOM Caribbean Community CAT **UN Convention Against Torture** CC **Constitutional Court** CEDAW UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; also Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women CERD Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination CESCR Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights CHR Commission on Human Rights CJ **Chief Justice** CLB Commonwealth Law Bulletin CLR Commonwealth Law Reports CMJA Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association CSW Commission on the Status of Women DCJ **Deputy Chief Justice** DVA Domestic Violence Act (South Africa) ECHR European Convention on Human Rights FGM female genital mutilation FMJ Federal Ministry of Justice (Lagos) IACHR Inter-American Commission on Human Rights ICCPR International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights **ICESCR** International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights ILO International Labour Organization J Justice JA Judge Advocate or Judge of Appeal JCA Justice Court of Appeal JHRLP Journal of Human Rights Law and Practice JJA Juvenile Justice Authority

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JP	Justice of the Peace
JSC	Justice Supreme Court
KLR	Kenya Law Reports
KWJA	Kenya Women Judges Association
MMR	maternal mortality rate
NGO	non-governmental organisation
NWLR	Nigeria Weekly Law Reports
OIC	Organisation of the Islamic Conference
OP	Optional Protocol (to CEDAW)
PNG	Papua New Guinea
PoA	The Commonwealth Plan of Action (PoA) for Gender Equality 2005–2015
QC	Queen's Counsel
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SC	Supreme Court
SCA	Supreme Court of Appeal
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UNESCO	UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
VAW	violence against women
WHO	World Health Organization
WILDAF	Women in Law and Development in Africa