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# Abbreviations

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**GMO**

genetically modified organism

**GPGs**

global public goods

**GURTs**

Genetic Use Restriction Technologies

**IPRs**

intellectual property rights

**ITPGRFA**

International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (FAO)

**TRIPS Agreement**

Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (World Trade Organization)

**UNESCO**

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

**WTO**

World Trade Organization

