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Abbreviations

CAFM Caisse d'Allocations Familiales de la Moselle
CAPS Commission d'Assurance et de Prévoyance Sociales
CCAF Comité Central des Allocations Familiales
CCRP Caisse de Compensation de la Région Parisienne
CFTC Confédération Française des Travailleurs Chrétiens
CGPF Confédération Générale de la Production Française
CGT Confédération Générale du Travail
CGTU Confédération Générale du Travail Unitaire
CHAAPS Commission de l'Hygiène, de l'Assistance, de l'Assurance et de la Prévoyance Sociales
CNFF Conseil National des Femmes Françaises
CNN Congrès National de la Natalité
CNR Conseil National de la Résistance
CSAF Commission Supérieure des Allocations Familiales
CSN Conseil Supérieur de la Natalité
FMT Fédération Mutualiste du Travail
FNMF Fédération Nationale de la Mutualité Française
FNSEA Fédération Nationale des Syndicats d’Exploitants Agricoles
GIMM Groupe des Industries Métallurgiques, Mécaniques et Connexes de la Région Parisienne
GIRP Groupe des Industries de la Région Parisienne
HCP Haut Comité de la Population
ILO International Labor Organization
MRP Mouvement Républicain Populaire
PCF Parti Communiste Français
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