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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
FNMCA	Fédération Nationale de la Mutualité et de la Coopération Agricoles
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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SFIO	Section Française Internationale Ouvrière
UCSAF	Union Centrale des Syndicats des Agriculteurs de France
UFCS	Union Féminine Civique et Sociale
UFSF	Union Française pour le Suffrage des Femmes
UIMM	Union des Industries Métallurgiques et Minières
UNSA	Union Nationale des Syndicats Agricoles