## **List of Abbreviations**

AMS ASEAN member state

ASEAN Association of South East Asian Nations

ASPEC ASEAN Patent Examination Cooperation

PPH Patent Prosecution Highway

EU European Union

FDI foreign direct investment

GDP gross domestic product

GNP gross national product

IPR intellectual property rights

MNC multinational company

R&D research and development

TRIPS The Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property

Rights

US United States

USPTO United States Patent and Trademark Office