

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)  
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: # 1450.
2. COW Alliance # (if applicable): # 3006.
3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):  
December 20, 1907.
4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):  
94 Costa Rica  
90 Guatemala  
91 Honduras  
93 Nicaragua  
92 El Salvador.  
Costa Rica is not a member of the COW system but is on the Gleditsch and Ward system membership list.
5. Was the alliance signed during war? If so, which war, and which member(s) was at war? (check COW data)  
No.
6. Means by which alliance was established (e.g., treaty, executive agreement, diplomatic notes, etc.): (Only select "treaty" if the agreement requires ratification.)  
Treaty.
7. Was the treaty public, public but with secret articles, or secret? If secret articles, describe the content of secret articles.  
Public.
8. Are there provisions for adding additional members mentioned in the treaty? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe these provisions.  
No.
9. Are specific state(s) mentioned as possible future members of the alliance? (Yes, No) If Yes, which state(s)?  
No.
10. Are there specific provisions in the treaty concerning the length of time the treaty is to last? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.  
Yes. The treaty shall remain in force for ten years (Art.XIX).
11. Are there conditions under which members may renounce the treaty? If Yes, describe these conditions.  
Yes. If, one year before the expiration of the term, none of the parties shall have given notice to terminate it, it shall remain in force until one year after such termination shall have been made (Art.XIX).
12. Are there specific provisions in the treaty concerning renewal of the treaty? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe these provisions.  
No.
13. Number of times alliance renewed, dates of renewal, and means by which alliance was renewed (Do not include automatic renewals):  
Zero.
14. Termination date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances) and source(s) for termination dates(s):  
March 10, 1918.
15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.  
Nicaragua denounces the court and members do not renew the treaty (Langer, 1972: 1067).

SECTION II: OBLIGATIONS

16. Type of alliance (defense pact, neutrality pact, nonaggression pact, consultation pact, offense pact): (List all that apply to any member of the alliance.)  
Nonaggression Pact

Neutrality Pact.

17. Type of alliance as coded in COW data (if applicable): Nonaggression/Neutrality Pact

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

The Republics of Central America consider as one of their first duties, in their mutual relations, the maintenance of peace; and they bind themselves to always observe the most complete harmony, and decide every difference or difficulty that may arise amongst them, of whatsoever nature it may be, by means of the Central American Court of Justice, created by the convention which they have concluded for that purpose on this date (Art.I).

Taking into account the central geographical position of Honduras and the facilities which owing to this circumstances have made its territory most often the theatre of Central American conflicts, Honduras declares from now on its absolute neutrality in event of any conflict between the other republics; and the latter, in turn, provided such neutrality be observed, bind themselves to respect it and in no case to violate Honduran territory (Art.III).

19. Are any of the obligations contingent upon any of the following: specific adversary, specific location, specific ongoing conflict, number of adversaries, noncompliance with a specific demand, attack, nonprovocation of enemy, or prior agreement among partners? (List all that apply)

Yes- specific adversary

20. Describe the nature of the limits to obligations listed in #19.

Honduras commits itself to neutrality in case of conflict between the other allies.

21. Are there any additional provisions for assistance in the event of war? (e.g., promise not to participate in economic sanctions against partner, promise not to aid internal or external enemies, etc.) (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.

Yes. Article XVI: Desiring to prevent one of the most frequent causes of disturbances in the Republics, the Contracting Governments shall not permit the leaders or principal chiefs of political refugees, nor their agents, to reside in the departments bordering on the countries whose peace they might disturb.

Those who may be established their permanent residence in a frontier department may remain in the place of their residence under the immediate surveillance of the Governments affording them an asylum, but from the moment when they become a menace to public order they shall be included in the rule of the preceding paragraph.

Article XVII: every person, no matter what his nationality, who, within the territory of the one of the Contracting Parties, shall initiate or foster revolutionary movements against any of the others, shall be immediately brought to the capital of the republic, where he shall be submitted to trial according to law.

22. Are there any additional limits to the alliance obligations or conditions under which treaty obligations do not apply that were not listed in #19? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.

No.

23. Is a specific target/threat mentioned as the object of the treaty? (Yes, No) (Answering Yes to this question does not necessarily mean that obligations are limited only to this adversary.) If Yes, list the target nation(s) (using COW country codes if possible) and describe the general nature of the reference to the target of the treaty.

Several mentions of threats of coups d'états or revolutions.

24. Are the treaty obligations symmetric? (That is, do all members commit to the same obligations?) (Yes, No) If No, describe.

No. Honduras is the only party committed to neutrality.

25. Does the treaty prohibit members from settling conflicts independently (no separate peace)? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.

No.

26. Does the treaty have provisions requiring that the contracting parties consult before making commitments to third parties (excluding no separate peace provisions discussed above)? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe these provisions.

No.

27. Does the treaty specify that the contracting parties must not enter into any other alliances that are directed against the alliance in question? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.

No.

28. Additional coder comments regarding treaty obligations:

The governments of the high contracting parties shall not recognize any other government which may come into power in any of the five republics as a consequence of a coup d'état, or of a revolution against the recognized government, so long as the freely elected representatives of the people thereof have not constitutionally reorganized the country (Article 1, Additional Convention).

No Government of Central America shall in case of civil war intervene in favor of or against the government of the country

where the struggle takes place (Article 2, Additional Convention).

The Governments of the Central America, in the first place, are recommended to endeavour to bring about, by the means at their command, a constitutional reform in the sense of prohibiting the reelection of the President of a Republic, where such prohibition does not exist, second to adopt all measures necessary to affect a complete guarantee of the principles of alternation in power (Article 3, Additional Convention).

### SECTION III: INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE ALLIANCE

29. Does the treaty make reference to the potential for conflict among members of the alliance? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.

Yes. The Republics of Central America (...) decide every difference or difficulty that may arise amongst them, of whatsoever nature it may be, by means of the Central American Court of Justice, created by the convention which they have concluded for that purpose on this date (Art.I).

30. Does the treaty discuss mediation/arbitration or other means of settling disputes among the signatories? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.  
See 29.

31. Does the treaty require official contact among the military forces of the participating states? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe. (Note whether official contact is required only in the event of hostilities or also during peacetime.)  
No.

32. Does the treaty include provisions for military aid? (e.g., grants, loans, transfer of technology, training) (Yes, No) If Yes, describe these provisions.  
No.

33. Does the treaty provide for integrated command of military forces while the alliance is in effect (peacetime as well as wartime)? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.  
No.

34. Does the treaty require subordination of the forces of one or more member states to another in the event of hostilities? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.  
No.

35. Does the treaty establish any organizations? (include provisions for regularly scheduled meetings) (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.  
Yes. The Central American Court of Justice (Art.I and Convention on its creation), Pedagogical Institute, International American Bureau, Agricultural School, School of Mines and Mechanics and School of Arts and Trades (Art.IV).  
Bureau of C.A. Republics (Article XVIII)

36. Does the treaty provide for joint military bases, or for one or more states to place troops in the territory of one or more other states? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.  
No.

37. Does the treaty specify contribution levels (funds, troops, etc.)? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.  
No.

38. Does the treaty contain any provisions regarding coordinated increase of armaments, reduction of armaments, prohibition of weapons, or rules of warfare? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe such provisions.  
No.

39. Does the treaty explicitly permit or prohibit the acquisition of territory not currently held by either ally? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe reference.  
No.

40. Does the treaty include discussion of the division of gains from any future conflict? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.  
No.

41. Does the treaty include discussion of demobilization/withdrawal following conflict? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.  
No.

42. Are there any other provisions in the treaty that describe the means through which the states will coordinate their military efforts and policies? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.  
No.

43. Additional coder comments regarding references to alliance institutionalization:

#### SECTION IV: TREATY CONTEXT

44. Does the treaty state that it nullifies any existing treaties signed by one or more of the contracting parties? (Yes, No) If Yes, list the treaties/agreements that are nullified and describe the treaty reference.  
No.
45. Does the treaty state that it modifies any existing treaties signed by one or more of the contracting parties? (Yes, No) If Yes, list the treaties/agreements that are modified and describe the treaty reference.  
No.
46. Does the treaty state that it includes any existing treaties signed by one or more of the contracting parties? (Yes, No) If Yes, list the treaties/agreements that are included and describe the treaty reference.  
No.
47. Does the treaty make any references to international organizations? (Yes, No) If Yes, list the international organization and describe the nature of the reference.  
No.
48. Does the treaty make any references to other existing alliances? (Yes, No) If Yes, list the alliance and describe the nature of the reference.  
No.
49. Are there any companion agreements referenced in the treaty? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe the agreements.  
Yes. The convention of the establishment of the Central American Court of Justice and conventions concluded on the establishment of the various organizations mentioned in Art.IV (See 35) as well as conventions on Extradition, Communications and Annual Conferences (Art.XVIII).
50. Does the treaty include statements regarding non-military cooperation (e.g., economic, cultural, scientific exchange)? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.  
Civil rights (Art.VI), recognition of professional degrees (Art.VII), property rights (Art.VIII), merchant ships (Art.X, XI, XII), commerce (Art.XII), exchange of official publications (Art.XIII), public instruments (Art.XIV), judicial (Art.XV).
51. Does the treaty resolve other conflicts among the parties to the alliance? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.  
No.
52. Does the treaty propose/enforce settlement of a conflict not involving parties to the alliance? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.  
No.
53. Does the treaty propose other agreements among the contracting parties? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.  
No.
54. Does the treaty mention unresolved conflicts among the contracting parties? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.  
No.
55. Does the treaty include provisions for economic aid or other enticements (include trade concessions, post war recovery, etc.)? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe these provisions.  
Yes. Merchant ships of the allies shall enjoy the same exemptions, immunities and concessions as the vessels of the state itself and shall not pay other taxes or dues than those imposed upon and paid by the vessels of the country (Art.IX).
56. Does the treaty describe circumstances under which one party may intervene in the internal politics of another party or specifically commit the states to non-intervention? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.  
Yes. No government of Central America shall in case of civil war interfere in favor of or against the government of the country where the struggle takes place (Art.II, Additional Convention).

#### SECTION V: DOCUMENTATION

57. Additional coder comments on this alliance treaty:
58. Source of coding information (e.g., treaty, treaty and secondary sources, secondary sources only, etc.): Treaty.

59. Treaty citation: CTS, vol.206, p.71.

60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet:01/28/05.

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