

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: 4965

2. COW Alliance # (if applicable): 3630

3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):
December 31, 2000.

4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):
Bahrain (692)
Kuwait (690)
Oman (698)
Qatar (694)
Saudi Arabia (670)
United Arab Emirates (696)

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.
The fact that there is a treaty is public but its provisions are secret.

8. Are there provisions for adding additional members mentioned in the treaty? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe these provisions.
Unknown.

9. Are specific state(s) mentioned as possible future members of the alliance? (Yes, No) If Yes, which state(s)?
Unknown.

10. Are there specific provisions in the treaty concerning the length of time the treaty is to last? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.
Unknown.

11. Are there conditions under which members may renounce the treaty? If Yes, describe these conditions.
Unknown.

12. Are there specific provisions in the treaty concerning renewal of the treaty? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe these provisions.
Unknown.

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):
Still in force.
Version 4.0: In effect as of June 1, 2018 according to the following source
(<http://www.gcc-sg.org>)

15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.

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.)

Defense Pact.

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

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

The members “commit the GCC member states to defend any member state victim of an external threat or danger” (Agence France Presse, December 31, 2000).

The members pledged to come to each other’s aid in the event of attack (Keesings World Records, January 2001).

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)

Not that we know of.

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

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.

Unknown.

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.

Not that we know of.

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.

Unknown.

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

Yes.

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

Unknown.

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.

Unknown.

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.

Unknown.

28. Additional coder comments regarding treaty obligations:

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.

Unknown.

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

Unknown.

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.)

Unknown.

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

Unknown.

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.

Unknown.

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.

Unknown.

35. Does the treaty establish any organizations? (include provisions for regularly scheduled meetings) (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.

Unknown, but it is formed as part of the GCC.

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.

Unknown.

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

Unknown.

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.

Unknown.

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

Unknown.

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

Unknown.

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

Unknown.

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.

Unknown.

43. Additional coder comments regarding references to alliance institutionalization:

The pact paves the way for a rapid deployment force (Moneyclips Middle East Newsfile, January 1, 2001). The size of the joint defense force is enlarged from 5,000 to 22,000 troops. The force was created in 1986 and is headquartered at Hafar al-Batin, northeastern Saudi Arabia (Xinhua General News Service, December 31, 2000). (Another source says the defense force was created in 1966- Financial times Information, January 1, 2002).

A supreme defense council which shall oversee the implementation of the defense pact is set up (Financial Times Information, January 1, 2002).

(Note that we do not know if the Council or the force were provided for in the treaty.)

It is believed that the treaty allows for a military communications network linking all the states and a missile warning system (Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Policy Watch Number 511, January 16, 2001).

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.

Unknown.

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.

Unknown.

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.

Unknown.

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.

Unknown.

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.

Unknown.

49. Are there any companion agreements referenced in the treaty? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe the agreements.

Unknown.

50. Does the treaty include statements regarding non-military cooperation (e.g., economic, cultural, scientific exchange)? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.

Unknown.

51. Does the treaty resolve other conflicts among the parties to the alliance? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.

Unknown.

52. Does the treaty propose/enforce settlement of a conflict not involving parties to the alliance? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.

Unknown.

53. Does the treaty propose other agreements among the contracting parties? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.

Unknown.

54. Does the treaty mention unresolved conflicts among the contracting parties? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.

Unknown.

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.

Unknown.

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.

Unknown.

SECTION V: DOCUMENTATION

57. Additional coder comments on this alliance treaty: We have contacted the member states of the GCC but they are unwilling to release the text of the defense pact.

58. Source of coding information (e.g., treaty, treaty and secondary sources, secondary sources only, etc.):

Secondary Sources only.

Moneyclips Middle East Newsfile, January 1, 2001

Xinhua General News Service, December 31, 2000

Financial Times Information, January 1, 2002

Agence France Presse, December 31, 2000

Keesings World Records, January 2001

Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Policy Watch Number 511, January 16, 2001

59. Treaty citation:

60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet: 04/21/05

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