

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)  
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: 2345.
2. COW Alliance # (if applicable): 3078
3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):  
September 12, 1934.
4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):  
366 Estonia  
367 Latvia  
368 Lithuania.
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.  
Yes. The treaty is open for accession by other states, such accession to take place only if all of the contracting parties consent hereto (Art.7).
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 be in force for 10 years (Art.9).
11. Are there conditions under which members may renounce the treaty? If Yes, describe these conditions.  
Yes. Should the treaty not be denounced one year before the expiry of that period, it shall be extended by tacit consent and shall cease to have effect one year after its denunciation by one of the high contracting parties (Art.9).
12. Are there specific provisions in the treaty concerning renewal of the treaty? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe these provisions.  
Yes. See #11.
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):  
June 15, 1940.
15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.  
The three states lose independence due to incorporation into the USSR.

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.)  
Consultation Pact.

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

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

In order to coordinate their efforts in the cause of peace, the three governments undertake to confer together on questions of foreign policy which are of common concern and to afford one another mutual political and diplomatic assistance in their international relations (Art.1).

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)

No.

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

N/A.

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.

No.

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.

Yes. The contracting parties recognize the existence of the specific problems which might make a concerted attitude with regard to them difficult. They agree that such problems constitute an exception to the undertakings laid down in Article 1 of the present treaty (Art.3).

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.

No.

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.

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 three governments shall give instruction to their diplomatic and consular representatives abroad and to their delegates to international conferences to establish appropriate contact (Art.5).

### 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 contracting parties shall endeavor to settle amicable and in a spirit of justice and equity any questions in respect to which their interests may clash and also to do so in the shortest time possible. They agree to negotiate with each other such agreements as may appear suitable for attaining this end (Art.4).

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

No.

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. For the purpose set forth in Article 1, the contracting parties hereby decide to institute periodical conferences of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the three countries, to take place at regular intervals, at least twice a year (...) At the request of one of the contracting parties and by joint agreement, extraordinary conferences may be held (Art.2).

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.

Yes. The periodical conferences provided for in this treaty shall replace the conferences provided for in the Treaty between Latvia and Estonia for the organization of the Alliance signed on February 17, 1934 (Art.2).

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. But it does say that the delegates to international conferences shall establish appropriate contact (Art.5).

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.

Yes. The periodical conferences provided for in this treaty shall replace the conferences provided for in the Treaty between Latvia and Estonia for the organization of the Alliance signed on February 17, 1934 (Art.2).

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

No.

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

No.

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.

Yes. The contracting parties shall endeavor to settle amicable and in a spirit of justice and equity any questions in respect to which their interests may clash and also to do so in the shortest time possible. They agree to negotiate with each other such agreements as may appear suitable for attaining this end (Art.4).

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

Yes. The contracting parties recognize the existence of the specific problems which might make a concerted attitude with regard to them difficult. They agree that such problems constitute an exception to the undertakings laid down in Article 1 of the present treaty (Art.3).

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.

No.

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.

No.

## 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: LNTS, vol.154, p.95-99.

60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet: 02/25/05.

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