

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID:3235

2. COW Alliance # (if applicable):
3528

3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):
July 29, 1953

4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):
200 United Kingdom
620 Libya

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. 240 months

11. Are there conditions under which members may renounce the treaty? If Yes, describe these conditions.
Yes. With one year's notice from either party

12. Are there specific provisions in the treaty concerning renewal of the treaty? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe these provisions.
Yes.
Treaty will be renewed automatically after twenty years for as long as neither party denounces it.

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 30, 1970

15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.

Grenville and Wasserstein (1987, 351) says the treaty was terminated after Colonel Gaddafi overthrew King Idris on September 1, 1969. Britain and American troops withdrawn from Libyan bases on March 30 and June 30, 1970.
Source of Dates: http://i-cias.com/cgi-bin/eo-direct-frame.pl?http://i-cias.com/e.o/libya_5.htm

UNTS website says it was done by an exchange of notes on January 25, 1972, which would be in accordance with the provisions of the treaty, but cannot get the actual document in electronic format.
Alliance was broken before the termination date

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, Consultation Pact

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

Defense Pact

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

Article II: "Should either (party) become engaged in war or armed conflict, the other (party) will, ..., immediately come to his aid as a measure of collective defence. In the event of an imminent menace of hostilities involving either of the (parties) they will immediately concert together the necessary measures of defence."

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)

None

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.

Yes - Libya will provide facilities to British armed forces.

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.

No

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

No - Libya provides facilities in return for economic aid.

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:

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. Article 7: "Should any difference arise relative to the application or interpretation of the present Treaty and should be the (parties) fail to settle such difference by direct negotiations, it shall be referred to the International Court of Justice unless the parties agree to another mode of settlement."

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

Yes.

Article 7 concerns disputes over interpretation of the treaty. The parties will negotiate and if unable to settle the differences that way will refer them to the International Court of Justice unless the parties agree to another mode of settlement.

Also see Military Agreement Article 34

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.)

Yes. Companion Military Agreement - Article : Parties agree to concert together to secure that their armed forces attain the necessary efficiency in cooperation with each other and uniformity of training methods

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

Yes.

The parties signed a military agreement on the same day committing the UK to supply Libya with arms and train its forces.

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.

No

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.

Yes.

Libya grants the UK facilities and land for military bases in the military agreement.

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.

Yes.

United Nations—nothing in the treaty will usurp the rights and obligations of the parties under the UN charter.

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. Article 4 mentions the League of Arab States

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

Yes.

Military Agreement signed on July 29, 1953 provides technical details of British occupation of bases. Financial agreement signed July 29, 1953 affords Libya financial payments.

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.

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.

Article III: "In return for facilities provided by (Libya) for British armed forces in Libya on conditions to be agreed upon, (UK) will provide financial assistance to (Libya)."

See Financial Agreement signed on the same day

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:

Coding includes companion military and financial agreements

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

59. Treaty citation: UNTS no. 2491

60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet: July 16, 2004

61. Coder: Andrew Long, Ashley Leeds