

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: 3430

2. COW Alliance # (if applicable):
3545

3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):
April 29, 1961

**Note that the union was begun by Ghana and Guinea in November 1958 and Mali joined in December 1959 (*African International Relations*. 1985. London: Longman. p. 77). It becomes an alliance with this 1961 agreement

4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):
452 Ghana
438 Guinea
432 Mali

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.)
Executive Agreement

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.
Article 2 declares union open to every state or Federation of African states which accepts its aims and objectives.

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.
No

11. Are there conditions under which members may renounce the treaty? If Yes, describe these conditions.
No

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):

14. Termination date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances) and source(s) for termination dates(s):
May 25, 1963

15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.
President Toure of Guinea declared that the adoption of the OAU Charter meant the dissolution of smaller regional groupings (Adamolekun in Aluko, 1977: 107)

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.

Defense

Article VII: “(The parties) shall jointly ensure the defense of their territorial integrity. Any aggression against one of the States shall be considered as an act of aggression against other States of the Union.

A common system of defence shall be organised in order to make it possible to secure the permanent defence of the Union States.”

Article III: “ The aims of the Union of African States are to pool their resources in order to consolidate their independence and safeguard their territorial integrity

Article IV (c): The Union’s activities shall be exercised mainly in the ... Defense. The organization of a system of Joint Defense, which will make it possible to mobilize all the means of defense at the disposal of the State, in favour of any State of the Union which may become a victim of aggression

Consultation

Article IV (b): The Union’s activities shall be exercised mainly in the ... Foreign Policy. The strict observance of concerted diplomacy, calculated to achieve closer cooperation

Article VI: “ The principle of harmonisation of the foreign policy of the Union States shall be based upon a concerted diplomacy.

To achieve such harmonisation, the following steps should be taken:

(a) at each Union Conference any analysis shall be made by the Heads of State, of the international political situation, and the Union shall decide upon directives to be sent to all the diplomatic Missions of Member States.

(b) Ambassadors, Charges d’Affaires, Consuls and other Heads of Missions of the three States, serving abroad shall coordinate their activities by way of frequent consultation.”

©)Every latitude shall be given to each to each State to be represented by the Embassy of another Member State of the Union. Where there is no representation of any of the three States of the Union, the Member State desirous of entrusting its affairs to the Diplomatic Mission of another State which is not a member of the Union, shall consult the Union Conference before proceeding.”

(d): “ At international gatherings, ..., the delegations of the Union States must as in duty bound consult one another, and arrive at a common stand which no one shall be allowed to ignore, and all are expected to support.”

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.

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.

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.

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.

Article VI (d): “ At international gatherings, ..., the delegations of the Union States must as in duty bound consult one another,

and arrive at a common stand which no one shall be allowed to ignore, and all are expected to support.”

Article VII (paragraph 1): “ In order to safeguard their sovereignty, the Member States shall oppose any installation of foreign military bases on their soil.”

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.

No

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.

Article 5 establishes the Supreme Executive Organ of the Union as the Conference of Heads of State of the Union which will meet every quarter. Article 8 declares an Economic Committee to coordinate economic and financial policy will be convened.

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.

Yes. Article IV (c): The Union's activities shall be exercised mainly in the ... Defense. The organization of a system of Joint Defense, which will make it possible to mobilize all the means of defense at the disposal of the State, in favour of any State of the Union which may become a victim of aggression

Article VII: "... A common system of defense shall be organized in order to make it possible to secure the permanent defense of the Union States."

43. Additional coder comments regarding references to alliance institutionalization:

No

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.

No

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

Article 8 establishes economic committee to cooperate in economic and financial policy.

Article 11 pursues the rehabilitation of African Culture

Articles 3 and 4 specifies cooperation in economic and cultural areas.

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.

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: *Basic Documents of African Regional Organizations* (1971). Vol I., ed. by Louis B. Sohn. Dobbs Ferry, NY: Oceana Publications. pp. 49-52

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