

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID:3310

2. COW Alliance # (if applicable):
NA

3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):
April 21, 1956

4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):
651 Egypt
670 Saudi Arabia
678 Yemen Arab Republic

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.
60 months (Article 12)

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.
Automatic renewal for further periods of five years until denounced in writing one year before expiration of any of the said periods. (Article 12)

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):
November 6, 1962 (Langer, 1972: 1306)

15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.
Saudi Arabia broke relations with Egypt over the Yemeni Civil War

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, defense pact

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

NA

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

Consultation:

Article III: "The (parties) will consult one another at the request of any of them whenever international relations become strained in a manner which may affect the security of the territory or the independence of any of the contracting States. In the event of the danger of imminent war or the existence of a sudden emergency, the (parties) will immediately take the preventive and defensive measures which the situation requires."

Article IV: "In the event of a sudden aggression against the borders or the forces of one of the (parties), in addition to the military measures to be taken to meet this aggression, the three States will immediately decide upon the measures to put the plans of this Agreement into effect."

Defense:

Article II: "The (parties) consider any armed aggression against any one of their States or against its forces as an aggression against them. Therefore, and in compliance with the legitimate individual and collective right of self-defence, each of them is bound to hasten to the assistance of the State against whom aggression is committed and to employ forthwith all means at its disposal, including the use of its armed forces, in order to repel aggression and to restore peace and security."

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.

Article II: "The (parties) undertake not to conclude a separate peace or any agreement with the aggressor without the consent of the other two States."

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.

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.)
Peacetime and Wartime:

Article VII: "The Military Council is composed of the Chief of the Egyptian Army Staff, the Chief of the Saudi Arabian Army Staff and the Chief of the Yemeni Army Staff." See Article VII for details.

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 - Article 7(3): coordination in training and supplies

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.

Article 8 establishes a permanent (wartime and peacetime) joint command to consist of a Commander-in-Chief and its staff. It will lead the forces placed under its command.

Article 9 says Military Council will place forces at the disposal of the Joint Command for use during peacetime and wartime.

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 V: "...the (parties) decided to set up the following: a Supreme Council, a Military Council, and a Joint Council."

Article 6 describes the Supreme Council (Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Defence) in charge of Commander-in-Chief of Joint forces and directing military policy. Article 7 describes the Military Council (Chiefs of Staff of each state's army) as an advisory body to Supreme Council. Article 8 describes the Joint Command (Commander-in-Chief, staff, troops) that will be in charge of forces and implementation of joint defence plans, training, etc.

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.

Article X: "Each of the (parties) will pay the salaries and compensations to military men and civilians selected for service with the Joint Command, the Military Council or other committees in accordance with their respective financial regulations.

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:

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.

United Nations—defensive measures and attacks shall be reported to Security Council, rights and obligations of parties under UN charter are not in conflict with agreement.

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.

The treaty establishing the League of Arab States (signed March 22, 1945) is mentioned, parties will inform the League of any attack and defense measures.

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.

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: BFSP 162:943-947

60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet: July 17, 2004

61. Coder: Andrew Long, Ashley Leeds