

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)  
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: 3455

2. COW Alliance # (if applicable):  
3548

3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):  
September 9, 1961

See below for accession dates - Rwanda and Togo

4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):

1961	9	9	Cameroon	471
1961	9	9	Central African Republic	482
1961	9	9	Chad	483
1961	9	9	Congo	484
1961	9	9	Benin/Dahomey	434
1961	9	9	Gabon	481
1961	9	9	Ivory Coast	437
1961	9	9	Madagascar	580
1961	9	9	Mauritania	435
1961	9	9	Niger	436
1961	9	9	Senegal	433
1961	9	9	Burkina Faso/Upper Volta	439

Rwanda joins March, 1963

Togo joins July, 1963

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.  
Article 15 declares the pact open to other African states and accession will occur upon unanimous consent of signatory states.

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. 120 months (Article 20)

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

Article 20 says parties can withdraw after ten years, with the withdraw taking effect one year after notice is given.

Article 18: "If one of contracting parties has assumed or were to assume undertakings contrary to the provisions of the present pact or were seriously to disregard the obligations deriving therefrom, it may be excluded from the pact by a decision taken by the other contracting parties at a Conference of the Heads of a State and Government and by a two-thirds majority.

However, the exclusion must be preceded by a formal notification affording the party concerned a reasonable delay within which to comply with its obligations."

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

Article 19: "The parties shall be bound to consult each other every five years with a view to a possible revision of the pact.

However, a revision may be requested at any time by the parties. Under no circumstances shall any revision take place without the unanimous agreement of the parties.”

Article 20 suggests that the pact automatically continues after the initial 10 year period for those who don't withdraw.

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):

Replaced by UAMCE (not an alliance) 3/10/64

15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.

Political functions were assumed to duplicate OAU.

## 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, nonaggression pact, defense pact

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

Defense Pact

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

Consultation:

Article IV: “The parties shall consult each other upon the measures to be taken whenever, in the opinion of one of them, the territorial integrity, political independence or security of one of the parties is threatened.”

Nonaggression:

Article I: “The parties undertake,..., to settle by peaceful means all international disputes in which they may be involved in such a manner as not to jeopardise international peace and security, as well as justice, and to refrain in their international relations from resorting to threats and from any form of aggression.”

Defense:

Article V: “The parties agree that an aggression, recognised as such under the conditions defined in a protocol annexed thereto and directed against one or several of them, occurring in Africa or Madagascar, shall be deemed to be an aggression directed against all the parties. Consequently, should such aggression occur, each of them,..., shall come to the assistance of the party or parties thus attacked, by immediately taking measure agreed upon beforehand, then after consultation any other measures deemed necessary, including the use of armed force, to restore and ensure security in Africa and Madagascar.”

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.

Article VI: “However, the parties agree that no action shall be undertaken in the territory of a State or any diplomatic action be taken for the benefit of the latter save at its own request or with its consent, except where the extent, violence or rapidity of the aggression have interrupted the free working of its institutions and the exercise of its sovereignty.”

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.

Yes. Article X: "Each of the parties hereby declares that none of the international undertakings currently existing between itself and any other party or any other State conflicts with the provisions of the present pact, and pledges itself not to assume any international undertaking in conflict with the present pact.

Any new undertaking in defense matters shall be subject to the prior agreement of the parties and the final texts embodying the undertakings assumed shall be deposited with the Government of Madagascar."

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.

Article X: "Each of the parties hereby declares that none of the international undertakings currently existing between itself and any other party or any other State conflicts with the provisions of the present pact, and pledges itself not to assume any international undertaking in conflict with the present pact."

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 I: "The parties undertake,..., to settle by peaceful means all international disputes in which they may be involved in such a manner as not to jeopardise international peace and security, as well as justice, and to refrain in their international relations from resorting to threats and from any form of aggression."

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 12 establishes a Higher Council of the Pact responsible for studying all matters pertaining to the application of the pact and taking all measures calculated to guarantee such application. Decisions shall be taken with a two-thirds majority of the members.

Article 13 establishes a Permanent Secretariat of the pact to serve the Higher Council.

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:

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—parties will follow principles of UN charter and will report actions taken to Security Council of UN.

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 2 promises the encouragement of collaboration in economic, social, cultural and diplomatic fields.

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. Article 14: “ Special protocols shall define the organization, operation, detailed powers and financing of the Higher Council, the Permanent Secretariat and of such other bodies as may be created in pursuance of the foregoing articles.”

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.

Preamble - "The states parties to the present pact recognize the sovereign equality of all States and intend to cement and strengthen the bonds existing between them on the basis of respect for their independence and non-interference in their internal affairs." (paragraph 2)

## 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* (1972). Vol II., ed. by Louis B. Sohn. Dobbs Ferry, NY: Oceana Publications. pp. 395-399

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