

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)  
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: 3490

2. COW Alliance # (if applicable):  
3551

3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):  
December 14, 1963  
We do not know the exact date of El Salvador's accession. We do know that it was shortly after formation and before joint exercises in 1965 (Library of Congress Country Studies). We code January, 1964.

4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):  
90 Guatemala  
91 Honduras  
93 Nicaragua  
92 El Salvador (accedes 1964— see #3)

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. Article 26 says that El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Panama may accede at any time.

9. Are specific state(s) mentioned as possible future members of the alliance? (Yes, No) If Yes, which state(s)?  
94 Costa Rica  
92 El Salvador  
95 Panama

10. Are there specific provisions in the treaty concerning the length of time the treaty is to last? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.  
Indefinite

11. Are there conditions under which members may renounce the treaty? If Yes, describe these conditions.  
Each member may renounce the agreement in writing and it will cease to be in effect for that member one year from the denunciation, but will remain in force for the other members.

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):  
July 14, 1969

15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.  
Football War between Honduras and El Salvador.

## 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 XII: "If the inviolability, the territorial integrity, the sovereignty or the independence of any of the States of the Central-American Isthmus should be affected by an aggression which is not an armed attack or by an extra-continental or intra-continental conflict, or by any other fact or situation that might endanger the peace of the Central-American Isthmus, the Defence Council shall meet immediately in order to agree on the measures which should be taken, in case of aggression, to assist the victim of the aggression, or on other measures necessary for the common defence and for the maintenance of the peace and security of the Central-American Isthmus."

Defense:

Article XI: "Any armed attack by any State whatsoever against a State of the Central-American Isthmus shall be considered as an attack against all the States of the Isthmus, and each one of the said States accordingly undertakes to assist in meeting the attack in the exercise of the inherent right of individual or collective self-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)

Specific Location

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

Consultation is contingent upon threat to Central America.

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.

Preamble discusses forces of communism and totalitarianism.

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:

### 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.)

Yes. Article 8 provides that a Permanent Defense Committee shall consist of members of the armed forces of each state. Its duties are to act as a general staff and requires contact in peacetime, but its not clear what function it would perform in wartime.

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. Chapter I describes the Defense Council and its duties as the "highest organ of consultation on questions of regional defence and shall be responsible for the collective security of the participating states." Chapter II describes the Permanent Defence Committee and its duties to function as a general staff and perform administrative duties.

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.

Yes. The Governments of the participating States shall bear the cost of their respective delegations. The necessary cost of the organization and functioning of the Council and the Permanent Committee shall be divided equally between them (Art. 18)

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:

When the defense of the Central-American Isthmus so requires, the Governments of the respective participating States shall determine whether the combined use of their armed forces or public security forces, the formation of a Joint General Staff, or unification of command, are appropriate or opportune (Art. 14).

#### 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. Article 20 states that rights and obligations of members in United Nations, Organization of American States, and Organization of Central American States, are not altered or impaired by this 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.

Yes. Article 13 states that each member may take measures individually to fulfill the agreement “without prejudice to the other obligations laid down in the” Rio Pact.

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

Yes. Article 25 states that this agreement is a companion to the Organization of Central American States.

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: This is the defense organ of the Organization of Central American States (OCAS). The OCAS charter is included in the file along with a protocol changing it to the Central American Integration System. Panama and Costa Rica, while members of OCAS, do not join CONDECA (Woodward, 1998).

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

59. Treaty citation: UNTS no. 7399

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