

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: 3245
2. COW Alliance # (if applicable): N/A
3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances): 22 October 1953.
4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes): France(220)+ Laos(812)
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.
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.
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):
July 21, 1954
15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.
Geneva Agreements – Laos commits not to join regional alliances or to seek military aid from Communist or Western powers (Langer, 1972, p.1332)

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
17. Type of alliance as coded in COW data (if applicable):N/A
18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.
Article 4 commits France to defend Laos.
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) NO
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 – Laos provides use of territory to France (Article 4)

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 – France promises to defend Laos and Laos provides facilities

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. Articles 9 and 10 create a permanent joint military committee.

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. Articles 1-3 and 7 commit France to provide supplies and training for Laos.

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. YES.

Article 11: “In the event of outbreak of hostilities against the territory of Laos or the territory of the Union of France, the Parties will place their forces, with all their means, under the disposition of the French Commander in Chief of the Far East whose directives will be executed in the manner agreed upon by the exchange of letters of 21-31 August 1953 regarding the creation of French-Laosian Military High Council and a Permanent Military Committee.”

35. Does the treaty establish any organizations? (include provisions for regularly scheduled meetings) (Yes, No) If Yes, describe. YES. Permanent Military Committee - for the preparation of diverse mobilization plans, for enhancing common defense of the two Parties, the harmonization of the Laosian Army with the army of the Union of France (article 10)

Note: These two organizations were actually established by an exchange of letters on 21-31 August 1953 (MC, Article 11, last 3 lines).

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. The Military Convention stipulates that the government of Laos affords the Republic of France the right to station and circulate freely its ground, maritime and air forces within the territory of Laos necessary for the common defense of the Union. The bases accorded to the French forces are at Seno- Savannakhet and Xieng Khouang. Laos accords all facilities for the organization and revitalization of these bases.(Article 4)

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.
M.C-Article 6- For the purposes of international security, the bases can be placed, when necessary, under the disposition of the UN Security Council
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. 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.
YES.

The maintenance of the military force will be determined by future agreements (Military convention, article 3 paragraph 5)

The conditions of collaboration involving the security of the troops of the Union of France stationed at Laos and the safety of the Laotian nationals will be determined by a later convention (MC, Article 4, last paragraph)

The modalities of application of the Articles 7 and 8 concerning the financing of the civil and military personnel serving the forces of the Union of France will be the subject of a later agreement.(MC, article 8, paragraph 2)

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:
Treaty of Friendship and Association signed the same day

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

59. Treaty citation: BFSP v.160, p. 660

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

61. Coder: SEZI ANAC, ASHLEY LEEDS