

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: # 2385.
2. COW Alliance # (if applicable): # 3088.
3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):
August 26, 1936.
4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):
200 United Kingdom
651 Egypt.
Egypt becomes a COW system member May 26, 1937.
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.
Yes. Yes the treaty shall last 20 years (Art.16).
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.
Yes. At any time after the expiration of a period of 20 years, the parties will, at the request of either of them, enter into negotiations with a view of revision of its terms by agreement between as may be appropriate in the circumstances as they exist (...). With consent of both parties, negotiations may be entered into at any time after the expiration of a period of ten years after the coming into force of the treaty with a view to such revision aforesaid (Art.16).
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):
October 15, 1951.
15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.
Egypt abrogated the treaty (BFSP, vol. 158, p.768).

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.)

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

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

Should any dispute with a third state produce a situation which involves a risk of a rupture with that state, the parties will consult with each other with a view to the settlement of the said dispute by peaceful means, in accordance with the provisions of the Covenant of the League of Nations and of any other international obligations which may be applicable to the case (Art.6).

Should, notwithstanding the provisions of article 6 above, either of the parties become engaged in war, the other party will, subject always to the provisions of article 10 below [i.e. unless it prejudices the rights and obligations under the Covenant of the League of Nations], immediately come to his aid in the capacity of an ally (Art.7).

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.

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.

Yes. The aid of Egypt in the event of war, imminent menace of war or apprehended international emergency will consist of furnishing Britain, in accordance with the Egyptian system of administration and legislation, all the facilities and assistance in his power, including the use of ports, aerodromes, and means of communication. It will accordingly be for the Egyptian government to take all the administrative and legislative measures, including the establishment of martial law and effective censorship, necessary to render these facilities effective (Art.7).

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. Egypt's aid to Britain involves use of territory.

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.

Yes. Each of the parties undertakes not to adopt in relation to foreign countries an attitude which is inconsistent with the alliance, or to conclude political treaties inconsistent with the provisions of the present treaty (Art.5).

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. See 29.

30. Does the treaty discuss mediation/arbitration or other means of settling disputes among the signatories? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.
Yes. Any difference in opinion between the two governments relating to the execution of paragraphs 3,4,5,6,7, and 8 [of the Annex to Article 8 relating to the stationing of British troops at the Suez Canal] will be submitted to an arbitral board, composed of three members (...) (Annex to Article 8, paragraph 9).
The parties agree that any difference on the subject of the application or interpretation of the provisions of the present treaty which they are unable to settle by direct negotiations shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Covenant of the League of Nations (Art.15).
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.
Yes. Britain will furnish the military mission which the Egyptian government desire, and will also undertake to receive and provide proper training in the UK for any personnel of the Egyptian forces that Egypt may desire to send for the purpose of being trained (...) (Note by Egyptian Minister from August 26, 1936, Art.2). Britain undertakes to use their good offices to facilitate the supply of such armament and equipment for the UK at prices similar to those with would be paid by the UK, whenever the Egyptian government so desire (Note by Egyptian Minister from August 26, 1936, Art.3).
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. The governments will each appoint, immediately the present treaty comes into force, two or more persons whom shall together form a committee to whom all questions relating to the execution of these works [i.e. accommodation and supply for British forces that defend the Suez Canal] from the time of their commencement to the time of their completion shall be entrusted (Annex to Art.8, paragraph 5).
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 aid of Egypt in the event of war, imminent menace of war or apprehended international emergency will consist of furnishing Britain, in accordance with the Egyptian system of administration and legislation, all the facilities and assistance in his power, including the use of ports, aerodromes, and means of communication (Art.7). Britain will station forces in Egyptian territory in the vicinity of the Canal (...) with a view to ensuring the cooperation with the Egyptian forces the defense of the Canal (Art.8). The provisions are specified in greater detail in the Annex to Article 8.
37. Does the treaty specify contribution levels (funds, troops, etc.)? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.
Yes. Without prejudice to the provisions of article 7, the number of British forces to be maintained in the vicinity of the Suez Canal shall not exceed, of the land forces, 10,000, and of the air forces, 400 pilots (...) (Annex to article 8, paragraph 1).
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.

Yes. The present treaty abrogates any existing agreement or other instruments whose continued existence is inconsistent with its provisions (Art.14).

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.

Yes. While reserving the right to conclude new conventions in future, modifying the agreements of the 19th January and the 10th July, 1899, the parties agree that the administration of the Sudan shall continue to be that resulting from the said agreements (Art.11.1).

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. Egypt wants membership in League of Nations and Britain supports this (Art.3). Peaceful conflict resolution (Art.6,15). Nothing in treaty conflicts with rights and obligations under LoN Covenant (Art.10)

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.

Yes. The parties continue to cooperate on the administration of the Sudan (Art.11).

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. A special convention on the immunities and privileges in jurisdictional and fiscal matters of the British forces shall be concluded (Art.9).

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 and notes exchanged the same day

59. Treaty citation: BFSP, vol.140, p.179.

60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet: 02/16/05.

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