

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: 3015

2. COW Alliance # (if applicable):
3120

3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):
March 22, 1945

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

1945	3	22	Egypt	651			Dates of entry into the League are
1945	3	22	Iraq	645			recorded as provided by the
1945	3	22	Jordan	663			website of
1945	3	22	Saudi Arabia	670			the League of Arab States.
							http://www.arableagueonline.org/arableague/english/level2_en.jsp?level_id=10
1945	3	22	Syria	652			These may be ratification dates.
1945	3	22	Lebanon	660			**Lebanon not a COW state
							system member until 3/10/1946**
1945	5	10	Yemen Arab Republic	678			
1953	3	28	Libya	620			
1956	1	19	Sudan	625			
1958	10	1	Morocco	600			
1958	10	1	Tunisia	616			
1962	8	16	Algeria	615			
1961	7	20	Kuwait	690			
1967	12	12	Yemen People's Republic	680			Hasou, 1985:15
1971	9	11	Bahrain	692			
1971	9	11	Qatar	694			
1971	9	29	Oman	698			
1971	12	6	United Arab Emirates	696			
1973	11	26	Mauritania	435			
1974	2	14	Somalia	520			
1977	9	4	Djibouti	522			
1989	5	22	Egypt	651			Egypt Readmitted
1990	5	22	Yemen	679			United Yemen becomes a member
1993	11	20	Comoros	581			

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 I: “Every independent Arab State shall have the right to adhere to the League.”

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.

Yes. Article XVIII: “If one of the member States intends to withdraw from the League, the Council shall be informed of its intentions one year before the withdrawal takes effect.

The Council of the League may consider any State that is not fulfilling the obligations resulting from this Pact as excluded from the League, by a decision taken by a unanimous vote of the all the States except the State referred to.”

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):

Still in force.

Version 4.0: In effect as of January 11, 2018 according to the Arab League website

(<http://www.al-bab.com/arab/docs/league.htm>)

- Egypt is suspended on March 31 1979 (Degenhardt, 1981: 341) and rejoins in May 22, 1989.
- On MAY 22, 1990, Yemen Arab Republic and Yemen People’s Republic were replaced by Republic of Yemen.
- Syria suspended in 2011 until present (2016): <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/11/13/world/middleeast/arab-league-votes-to-suspend-syria-over-its-crackdown-on-protesters.html>

15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.

Egypt’s membership is suspended in 1979 due to members’ dissatisfaction with Egypt-Israeli Peace.

Syria’s membership is suspended in 2011 due to members’ dissatisfaction with Assad regime’s treatment of protestors

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

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

Entente

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

Nonaggression:

Article V: “The recourse to force for the settlement of disputes between two or more member States shall not be allowed.”

Consultation:

Article VI: “In case of aggression or threat of aggression by a State against a member State, the one attacked or threatened with attack may request an immediate meeting of the Council. The Council shall determine the necessary measures to repel this aggression.”

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)

attack (coded as location for consultation)

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

See # 18. Consultation is contingent upon aggression against one of the members.

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.

Yes. Threatened state must request consultation

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.

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.

Yes. Article V: "...Should there arise among them a dispute that does not involve the independence of a State, its sovereignty or its territorial integrity, and should the two contending parties apply to the Council for the settlement of this dispute, the decision of the Council shall then be effective and obligatory.

...The Council shall mediate in a dispute which may lead to war between two member States or between a member State and another State in order to conciliate them.

Article VI: " ... The Council shall determine the necessary measures to repel this aggression. Its decision shall be taken unanimously. If the aggression is committed by a member State the vote of that State will not be counted in determining unanimity..."

30. Does the treaty discuss mediation/arbitration or other means of settling disputes among the signatories? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.

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The decisions relating to arbitration and mediation shall be taken by a majority vote."

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 III: "The League shall have a Council composed of the representatives of the member States...."

Article IV: "A special Committee shall be formed for each of the categories enumerated in Article 2 (see below; non-military cooperation).

Article XI: "The Council of the League shall meet in ordinary session twice a year."

Article XII: "The League shall have a permanent General Secretariat, composed of a Secretary-General, Assistant Secretaries and an adequate number of officials."

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. Article XIII: "The Secretary General shall prepare the draft of the budget of the League and submit it for approval to the Council before the beginning of each fiscal year.

The Council shall determine the share of each of the States of the League in its expenses. It shall be allowed to revise the share if necessary."

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.

No

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 II: "The purpose of the League is to draw closer the relations between member States and co-ordinate their political activities with the aim of realising a close collaboration between them, to safeguard their independence and sovereignty, and to consider in a general way the affairs and interests of the Arab countries.

...in the following matters:

- a) Economic and financial matters, including trade, customs, currency, agriculture and industry.
- b) Communications, including railways, roads, aviation, navigation, and posts and telegraphs.
- c) Cultural matters.
- d) Matters connected with nationality, passports, visas, execution of judgements and extradition.
- e) Social welfare matters.
- f) Health matters."

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.

Yes. Article VIII: "Every member state of the League shall respect the form of government obtaining in the other States of the League, and shall recognise the form of government obtaining as one of the rights of those States, and shall pledge itself not to take any action tending change that form."

SECTION V: DOCUMENTATION

57. Additional coder comments on this alliance treaty:

Article 18 allows the Council to exclude any state not fulfilling its obligations toward the pact.

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

59. Treaty citation: BFSP 155: 365

60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet: July 15, 2004

61. Coder: Andrew Long, Ashley Leeds

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