

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: 4430

2. COW Alliance # (if applicable):

N/A

3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):

14 February 1993 (Article 18)

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

355 Bulgaria
339 Albania

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 (Article 17)

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. The treaty is concluded for the term of 20 years (Article 17).

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. The treaty will be extended for new 5-year terms unless one of the parties denounces it in writing at least a year before the expiration of the corresponding term of activity (Article 17).

13. Number of times alliance renewed, dates of renewal, and means by which alliance was renewed (Do not include automatic renewals):

0

14. Termination date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances) and source(s) for termination dates(s):

Still in effect

Version 4.0: In effect as of June 1, 2018 according to Ministry of Defense, Bulgaria

(https://www.md.government.bg/en/cooperation_bilateral_agreements.html)

15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.

Still in effect

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.)

Non-aggression Pact

Neutrality Pact

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

N/A

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

Non-aggression: The parties commit to the non-use of force or threats to use force (Article 2), and, more generally, to friendly relations and cooperation (Article 1).

Neutrality: "In case one of the contracting parties becomes the target of aggression or a threat to use force by a third party, the other contracting party will not provide that third party with any political, military or other aid" (Article 5).

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)

Yes- attack

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

Neutrality is contingent upon attack or threat of attack

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.

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:

In Article 3, the contracting parties state that they will work for the development of cooperation, peace and stability on the Balkans.

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. The parties commit to resolving their disputes exclusively through peaceful means in Article 2.

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 4 encourage cooperation in the military sphere through specific treaties and calls for “consultations and contacts between the military bureaucracies, including meetings of the defense ministers and chiefs-of-headquarters.”

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.

No. Article 15 stipulates regular consultations on the implementation of the treaty, but no specific time frame is provided.

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:

None

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. Article 18: "With the coming into force of this treaty is terminated the activity of the Treaty for Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance, signed by the two parties on 16 December 1947."

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. UN, OSCE.

The parties affirm their affinity to the goals and principles of the UN Charter and the OSCE in the Preamble.

In Article 5, the parties state that they will cooperate in the adoption and implementation of collective security measures in accord with Chapter 7 of the UN Charter.

For, OSCE see #48.

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. OSCE – The parties underline in the Preamble that their security is firmly bound to the security of all OSCE states.

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. Article 6 – cooperation in economic relations, science and technology, industry.

Article 7 – exchange of information in the abovementioned areas

Article 9 – mutual encouragement of direct investment

Article 10 – environmental cooperation

Article 11 – cultural cooperation

Article 12 – cooperation in civic exchange

Article 13 – legal and consular cooperation

Article 14 – cooperation against terrorism and organized crime

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 4 calls for separate treaties in the military sphere

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.

The parties commit to non-intervention in their internal affairs in Article 2.

SECTION V: DOCUMENTATION

57. Additional coder comments on this alliance treaty:

Coded from Bulgarian by Valentin Krustev

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

59. Treaty citation:

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60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet:

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61. Coder:

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