

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: # 1475, phase 2
2. COW Alliance # (if applicable): # 3012
3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):
September 22, 1912.
4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):
355 Bulgaria
350 Greece.
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.
Secret (Article 4)
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 convention will become binding on the two parties immediately after its signature, and will retain its force as long as the treaty of defensive alliance, signed on May 16, 1912, of which it forms an integral part. (The treaty of defensive alliance is valid for three years and will be prolonged for another year unless previously denounced).
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.
See # 10
13. Number of times alliance renewed, dates of renewal, and means by which alliance was renewed (Do not include automatic renewals):
Zero
14. Termination date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances) and source(s) for termination dates(s):
June 30, 1913
15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.
Bulgaria attacks Greece and Serbia to begin 2nd Balkan War.

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
Neutrality Pact.

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

Defense Pact.

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

If, notwithstanding the sincere wish of the two parties and efforts of their governments to avoid all aggression or provocation against Turkey, one of the parties should be attacked by Turkey, either on its territory or through systematic disregard of its rights, based on treaties or on the fundamental principles of international law, the two parties undertake to assist each other with all their armed forces, and not to conclude peace except by joint agreement (Art.1).

The first article does not apply to the case of a war breaking out between Greece and Turkey in consequence of the admission in the Greek Parliament of the Cretan deputies, against the wishes of Turkey. In that event, Bulgaria is only bound to observe towards Greece a benevolent neutrality (Annex).

If, in conformity with the engagements assumed by the treaty of defensive alliance between Bulgaria and Greece, this latter country should intervene by arms against Turkey in the event of a Turco-Bulgarian war, or should Bulgaria intervene against Turkey in the event of a Greco-Turkish war, the two parties, Bulgaria and Greece, undertake to cooperate with each other, viz: Greece with an army at least 120,000 strong; and Bulgaria, with an army at least 300,000 strong (Art.1) In the event of Greece being attacked by Turkey, Bulgaria undertakes to declare war on the latter state, and to attack it with all her forces (...). If Bulgaria is attacked by Turkey, Greece binds herself to declare war on the latter state, and to attack it with all her forces (...)

(Art.2).

If Bulgaria and Greece should declare war on Turkey, in accordance with a special agreement, they undertake to place in the field the number of men mentioned in article 1 of the present conventions, unless it be otherwise stipulated (Art.3).

If, after Bulgaria and Greece have mobilized or commenced a joint war, the latter country should find itself obliged to settle the Cretan question in accordance with the wishes of the inhabitants of Crete and, in consequence of that action, is attacked by Turkey, Bulgaria undertakes to assist Greece in accordance with article 1 of the present convention (Art.6).

If one of the parties declares war on a state other than Turkey without a previous understanding with the other party and without its consent, the non-consenting party is relieved of the obligations entailed in article 1, but must observe all through the war a friendly neutrality towards its ally (Art.4).

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- specific adversary, nonprovocation and noncompliance with demand

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

The defense clause is contingent on an attack by Turkey and nonprovocation. The neutrality clause is invoked for an attack on any other state than Turkey. Bulgaria does not have to defend Greece if Greece admits Cretan deputies to Parliament to cause war.

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.

Yes. Turkey (640).

24. Are the treaty obligations symmetric? (That is, do all members commit to the same obligations?) (Yes, No) If No, describe.

No – Bulgaria promises neutrality and is relieved from defense obligations in one circumstance.

25. Does the treaty prohibit members from settling conflicts independently (no separate peace)? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.

Yes. In the event of a joint war, neither party will have the right of concluding an armistice for more than twenty-four hours without the consent and preliminary agreement of the allied state. Similarly, the consent of the two parties, specially given in writing, is indispensable for either party to open peace negotiations or to conclude a treaty of peace (Art.5).

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:

Article 3 comes close to an offense provision but is not coded as such because it is contingent upon a special agreement between the parties.

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. The chiefs of the Bulgarian and Greek staffs undertake, in the event of a war, to communicate to each other their plans of operations, as opportunity may offer. They also undertake every year to inform each other of the alterations in those plans, rendered necessary by new circumstances (Art.7).

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.

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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. In the event of a war with Turkey, Greece contributes an army at least 120,000 strong and Bulgaria an army at least 300,000 strong (Art.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.
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. But the military convention is intended to complete the treaty of defensive alliance between Greece and Bulgaria from May 16, 1912.

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.
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 phase 2 of ATOP ID 1475.

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

59. Treaty citation: Hurst (1972), pp. 825 (treaty) and 830 (military convention)

60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet: July 13, 2004

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