

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)  
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: # 2480.
2. COW Alliance # (if applicable): #3103.
3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):  
October 5, 1939.
4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):  
365 USSR  
367 Latvia.
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. The period of validity of the treaty is 10 years (Art.VI).
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. If neither of the parties deem it necessary to denounce the treaty one year before its expiry, its validity shall be automatically renewed for a further period of ten years (Art.VI).
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):  
June 16, 1940
15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.  
Latvia loses independence due to incorporation into USSR.

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): Defense Pact.
18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

The two contracting parties undertake to render each other assistance of every kind, including military assistance, in the event of direct aggression or threat of aggression on the part of a European Great Power against the maritime frontiers of the contracting parties in the Baltic Sea, or against their land frontiers across the territory of the Estonian or Lithuanian Republics and also against the basis provided for in Article III (Art.I).

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, specific location.

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

The defense clause applies to aggression or threat of aggression by European Great Powers against specific locations (maritime frontiers and land borders).

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.

The Soviet Union undertakes to assist the Latvian army on advantageous terms, with armaments or other war material (Art.II).

Latvia grants USSR bases (Art. III)

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- see # 21.

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. The two parties undertake not to conclude alliances or to take part in coalitions directed against either of the contracting parties (Art.IV).

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.)

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. The Soviet Union undertakes to assist the Latvian army on advantageous terms, with armaments or other war material (Art.II).

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.

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. Latvia grants the Soviet Union the right to have in the towns of Liepaja (Libau) and Ventspils (Windau) naval bases and a number of aerodromes for an air force, on lease at reasonable rates. (...) With a view to the defense of the Strait of Irbes, the Soviet Union shall be entitled at its own expense, in the areas allotted for the bases and aerodromes, to maintain strictly limited numbers of Soviet land and air armed forces, up to a maximum to be determined by special agreement within the areas allotted for the said bases and aerodromes (Art.III).

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.

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.

The preamble refers to the Treaty of Peace of August 11, 1920 and the Treaty of Non-Aggression and Peaceful Settlement of Disputes of February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1932.

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 site of the naval bases and aerodromes shall be assigned and the limits thereof defined by common accord. The number of troops to defend the naval bases and aerodromes shall be determined by special agreement (Art.III).

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.

59. Treaty citation: LNTS, vol.198, p.385.

60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet: 02/13/05.

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