

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)  
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: 4665

2. COW Alliance # (if applicable):

N/A

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

19 JANUARY 1995 (ARTICLE 25)

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

355 BULGARIA  
372 GEORGIA

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 24 REQUIRES RATIFICATION)

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 PERIOD OF 10 YEARS (ARTICLE 23).

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 IS AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDED ANOTHER 5-YEARS UNLESS ONE OF THE PARTIES DENOUNCES IT IN WRITING AT LEAST ONE YEAR BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE CURRENT TERM OF ACTIVITY (ARTICLE 23).

N.B. JUST 1 AUTOMATIC EXTENSION IS MENTIONED !

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 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](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.)

NONAGGRESSION PACT

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

N/A

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

NONAGGRESSION – THE PARTIES COMMIT TO THE NON-USE OF FORCE OR THREATS TO USE FORCE IN ARTICLE 1.

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.

NONE

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:

THE PARTIES WILL COOPERATE IN THE UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND FORA ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST (ARTICLE 3)

THE PARTIES WILL COOPERATE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ISTANBUL DECLARATION FOR BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION (ARTICLE 14)

### 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. THERE IS NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO DISPUTE RESOLUTION, ALTHOUGH THE PARTIES COMMIT TO DEVELOPING FRIENDLY RELATIONS IN ARTICLE 1.

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.

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 3 SAYS THAT THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL MEET REGULARLY FOR CONSULTATIONS ON SALIENT ISSUES, BUT DOES NOT PROVIDED A SPECIFIC TIME FRAME.

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.

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. ARTICLE 22: "THIS TREATY IS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST THIRD PARTIES AND DOES NOT CONCERN THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES STEMMING FROM THE INTERNATIONAL TREATIES, IN WHICH THEY PARTICIPATE."

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.

UNITED NATIONS

OSCE

ISTANBUL DECLARATION FOR BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

IN THE PREAMBLE, THE PARTIES SAY THAT THEY WILL GOVERN THEMSELVES BY THE GOALS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UN CHARTER AND THE OSCE PROVISIONS  
THE PARTIES WILL TRY TO ELEVATE THE UN STATUS (ARTICLE 2) AND WILL COOPERATE WITHIN THE UN (ARTICLE 3)

THE PARTIES WILL COOPERATE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ISTANBUL DECLARATION FOR BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION (ARTICLE 14)

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 – SEE #47.

ALSO, ARTICLE 4 SAYS THAT THE PARTIES' COOPERATION WILL BE IN ACCORD WITH THE AGREEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE OSCE PROVISIONS.

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. COOPERATION AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL – ARTICLE 8

ECONOMIC COOPERATION – ARTICLE 10

AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION – ARTICLE 11

MILITARY-TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION – ARTICLE 12

TRANSPORTATION AND CUSTOMS COOPERATION – ARTICLE 13

SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION – ARTICLE 15

ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION – ARTICLE 16

CULTURAL COOPERATION – ARTICLE 17

HEALTH CARE, TOURISM, SPORT, ETC. – ARTICLE 18

COOPERATION AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME – ARTICLE 19

CONSULAR COOPERATION – ARTICLE 20

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 21: "THE CONTRACTING PARTIES WILL, IF NECESSARY, CONCLUDE SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENTS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES IN FULFILLMENT OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS BY THIS TREATY."

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 1.

## 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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ISSUE 121/1997

60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet:

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61. Coder:

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