

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)  
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: 4950

2. COW Alliance # (if applicable): N/A.

3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):  
April 5, 2000.

4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):  
370 Belarus  
702 Tajikistan.

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 treaty shall last for 10 years (Art.19).

11. Are there conditions under which members may renounce the treaty? If Yes, describe these conditions.  
No. But treaty may be changed or annexed (by mutual agreement) and the additional parts will be considered integral parts of the treaty (Art.17).

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 renewed automatically for further 10-year periods unless one of the parties sends a written notification of its wish to suspend the treaty at least six months before the current treaty expires (Art.19).

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):  
Still in effect –Tajikistan MFA website-visited on 12 September 2012 (<http://mfa.tj/index.php?node=article&id=263>)  
V4.0: Still in effect Belarus Embassy in Tajikistan visited December 29, 2017:  
([http://tajikistan.mfa.gov.by/en/bilateral\\_relations/political/](http://tajikistan.mfa.gov.by/en/bilateral_relations/political/) )

15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.  
N/A

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.

Relations between the High Contracting Parties shall be based on the principles of sovereign equality, respect for human rights, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, territorial integrity and inviolability of borders, peaceful settlement of disputes...(Art. 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.

N/A.

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 shall refrain from any actions which might cause economic harm to each party (Art.2). The parties will cooperate in ensuring world peace, stability and security. They will coordinate their foreign activities, facilitate disarmament and collective security and will assist in the resolution of regional conflicts (Art.2).

## 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.

Relations between the High Contracting Parties shall be based on the principles of (...) peaceful settlement of disputes(Art. 1). Disputes over the interpretation and application of this Treaty shall be resolved through consultations and negotiations between the High Contracting Parties(Art. 17).

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.

The parties cooperate in the military and military-technological spheres, including military construction, reforms, trainings, manufacturing and delivery of arms and military technology, research and development in the interest of security of both countries (Art.6).

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.

If necessary common coordinating institutions for protecting human rights, cooperating in international political and economic affairs, cooperating in the creation and development of a common economic area, education, culture, science, technology, youth issues, energy and transportation, information, communication and satellites, certification, standardization and metering, intellectual property, environment, early warning of natural disasters and crime shall be formed (Art.2).

For the purpose of implementing this Treaty, the High Contracting Parties shall create an intergovernmental standing commission for the development of cooperation. (Art. 16)

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:

#### 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.

Preamble: reaffirm principles of UN Charter and OSCE, Cooperation for peace and security according to UN Charter (Art.6).

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.

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.

If necessary common coordinating units for protecting human rights, cooperating in international political and economic affairs, cooperating in the creation and development of a common economic area, education, culture, science, technology, youth issues, energy and transportation, information, communication and satellites, certification, standardization and metering, intellectual property, environment, early warning of natural disasters and crime shall be formed (Art.2). Rights of minorities (Art.3,4), open borders (Art.5), intellectual property rights (Art.7), organized crime, terrorism, illegal migration, drug trafficking, arms, family, civil and criminal law (Art.8), physical and judicial properties (Art.9), cooperations between citizens (Art.10), emergency response, disaster relief (Art.11), transit of freight and passengers (Art.12), communications between government agencies (Art.13).

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.

Separate agreements about joint research and development and tests related to defense and security of both states, about making orders for arms and technology, as well as other agreements, will be formed between the parties (Art.6). Separate agreements regarding parts of this treaty can be signed by relevant agencies within the governments of the parties may be signed (Art.14).

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.

Relations between the High Contracting Parties shall be based on the principles of (...) non-interference in each other's internal affairs (Art. 1).

## SECTION V: DOCUMENTATION

57. Additional coder comments on this alliance treaty:

Treaty coded based on translation by Mariam Stepanyan. For version 4.0, coded based on an English translation from UNTS.

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

Treaty.

Treaty of friendship and co-operation between the Republic of Belarus and the Republic of Tajikistan

59. Treaty citation: provided by Belarus MFA(version 3.0) For version 4.0: UNTS Reg No.: 38453

60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet: 9/12/2012.

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