

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: 4275
2. COW Alliance # (if applicable): N/A.
3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):
June 23, 1992
4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):
290 Poland
370 Belarus
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.
The treaty is concluded for a period of 15 years and unless terminated by one of the parties by way of written notice one year in advance of its expiry will be automatically renewed for additional 5-year periods.
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):
14. Termination date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances) and source(s) for termination dates(s):
Still in effect according to Poland MFA
Version 4.0: In effect as of October 15, 2017 according to Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland
(<http://www.traktaty.msz.gov.pl/?lang=en>)
15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.

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.
Consultation Pact
Neutrality Pact.

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

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

The parties' relationship is guided by the renunciation of the use or threat of force (Art.1). The parties renounce the use or threat of force in their mutual relations (Art.7)

The parties will hold consultations on international security issues. If one of the parties comes to the conclusion that a situation or a conflict has arisen which threatens international peace or European security or is a violation of them, the parties shall, without delay, hold consultations on possible ways of overcoming such a situation or settling the conflict (Art.8).

In the event of an armed attack by a third state or states against one of the parties, the other party shall be obliged to refrain from lending military aid or any other support to such a state or states for the whole duration of the armed conflict and will work towards a peaceful resolution of the dispute (Art.7).

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 on 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.

Neither party will allow its territory to be used by a third state or states for the purpose of armed aggression or hostile activity against the other party (Art.7).

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 reaffirm the border between them, consider this frontier to be inviolable and declare to have no territorial claims against each other (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.

The parties commit themselves to settle any disputes which may arise between them solely by peaceful means (Art.6).

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.
The parties will hold, if necessary, consultations on defense matters of mutual interest (Art.9). The parties will cultivate regular contacts between the organs of government and state administration (Art.10). Ministers of Foreign Affairs will hold regular consultations at least once a year. If the need arises, the parties set up, as appropriate, mixed commissions on the basis of mutual agreements (Art.10).
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: principles of UN Charter, Helsinki Final Act, Paris Charter. Parties commit themselves to strengthening European mechanisms of security, stability and cooperation on basis of Helsinki Final Act, Paris Charter, other CSCE documents and the treaty of conventional armed forces in Europe (Art.3). They commit themselves to principles of UN Charter and CSCE to settle disputes between them (Art.6). In the event of an armed attack by a third state or states against one of the parties, the other party shall be obliged to refrain from lending military aid or any other support to such a state or states for the whole duration of the armed conflict and will work towards a peaceful resolution of the dispute in accordance with principles of UN Charter and CSCE documents. This commitment of the treaty shall not in any way interfere with the rights and obligations of the parties under the UN Charter (Art.3).

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. CSCE. 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.

The parties will cultivate regular contacts between regions, cities and other territorial jurisdictions. They will cooperate on minority rights, economic issues, infrastructure and communication, environment, culture, science, education and information, health care and hygiene, insurance and social welfare, consular relations, 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.

The parties will conclude separate agreements relating to ecological security and cooperation (Art.21). The parties will conclude appropriate agreements concerning employment, insurance and social welfare (Art.23). The parties will conclude separate agreements concerning the combat of organized crime (Art.24).

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' relations are guided by principle of non-interference in internal affairs (Art.1).

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: www.zbiordokumentow.pl/1993/1/3.html - Polish Institute of International Affairs Digital Library Website

60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet: July 28, 2004

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