

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: 1358
2. COW Alliance # (if applicable): N/A
3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):
September 12, 1885
4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):
Guatemala (90)
El Salvador (92)
Honduras (Not yet in COW system)
5. Was the alliance signed during war? If so, which war, and which member(s) was at war? (check COW data)
No – Signed directly in aftermath of Second Central American war (COW War #70)
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.
Article 31 - Provisions related to peace and friendship shall be perpetual, all other provisions will last for 10 years, but if neither contracting party denounces before then, it will continue indefinitely until one year after it is renounced.
11. Are there conditions under which members may renounce the treaty? If Yes, describe these conditions.
Article 31 – If treaty is still in effect after 10 years, parties may renounce the non peace and friendship related provisions at will given one year notice
12. Are there specific provisions in the treaty concerning renewal of the treaty? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe these provisions.
Article 31 – If treaty has not been denounced at the end of 10 years, provisions not related to peace and friendship will continue indefinitely until denounced.
13. Number of times alliance renewed, dates of renewal, and means by which alliance was renewed (Do not include automatic renewals):
None
14. Termination date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances) and source(s) for termination dates(s):
February 16, 1887
15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.
Signature of larger defense pact (ATOP ID# 1362) between Honduras, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua explicitly nullifies all existing treaties of peace, friendship, and alliance.

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

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

N/A

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

Article 3 – The Governments of Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras establish that there will be a complete defensive alliance among them in the case of war with any foreign nation.

Article 4 – If any of the High Signatory Parties were to be offended by any of the other Republics of Central America, the one who is will give notice to its allies, as soon as it is possible, for them to interpose their amicable mediation with the aggressor; however, if the mediation were to be unattended, they will make common cause with the offended until they achieve the re-establishment of peace.

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:

Article 5 – If there are reasons for disagreement between the Republics of Central America or between one of them and another foreign nation, the Contracting Parties, by mutual agreement, shall offer their good offices and mediation in a conciliatory and friendly manner, so that the general harmony of Central America may be restored or preserved.

Article 6 – So the asylum of the emigrants or the politically discontent people could not in any way harm the Republic from which they come from, the Governments of the respective countries commit to concentrating the isolated people, with the purpose of watching over them and avoiding that they will be provided with weapons or war elements that they could use in hostility against their Government. For the due intelligence of the three Governments over this point, it is equally stipulated that whenever there is any suspicious emigration from one of the Republics to any other, or whenever there is news of works or schemes of the discontent people against any

of the Signatory Governments, the one interested will give official notice to the other party, with the purpose of dictating convenient measures, with due opportunity.

Article 25.3 – The High Contracting Parties, pursuing the ideal of the Union of the five Republics of Central America, and wishing to establish, of course, the fundamental bases leading to that end, commit themselves... To give prompt and effective mutual assistance against factions and internal wars that may alter the internal peace of any of the Republics, unless those factions have the purpose of defending constitutional principles that have been flagrantly violated by any of the public authorities.

Article 28 – Commits to guarantee the integrity of their respective territories.

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.

Yes. Article 30 outlines the arbitration procedures to be taken if there is conflict between the members.

30. Does the treaty discuss mediation/arbitration or other means of settling disputes among the signatories? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.

Yes. Article 30 outlines arbitration that arbitration will be submitted to a diplomatic body.

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.

Yes – Article 25 – The High Contracting Parties, pursuing the ideal of the Union of the five Republics of Central America, and wishing to establish, of course, the fundamental bases leading to that end, commit themselves... to procure the establishment of a Federal Council, in charge of Foreign Relations, with the attributions of the Secretariates of State in this field. The Council shall be composed of three persons, designated one by each Republic, and shall meet wherever it is agreed by the respective Governments.

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:

N/A

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.

Yes – Article 19 refers to the Universal Postal Union as the primary mechanism for maintaining postal services

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.

Yes.

Citizenship and academic cooperation (Article 7)

Extradition cooperation (Articles 10 – 17)

Economic cooperation (Articles 8 and 9, and 18)

Postal and telegraphic cooperation (Articles 19 and 20)

Subsidies for steam ships (Articles 21 and 22)

Currency cooperation (Article 23)

Railroad cooperation (Article 24)

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.

Yes –

Article 9 – Vessels among the 3 countries will not have to pay duties when docking

Article 18 – All duties on the land trade of foreign goods is abolished, but not on import duties levied by sea. Free exchange of national products of the 3 Republics is also established.

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: Coded based on translation from deepl.com

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

59. Treaty citation:

Guatemala. (1894). Collection of treaties of Guatemala (Vol. 1). (R. Salazar, & F. de Tejada, Eds.) National Typography.

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