

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)  
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: 7040

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

3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):  
June 17, 2018

4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):  
Greece (350)  
Macedonia (343)

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. Article 20 Section 9 "The provisions of this agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period of time and are irrevocable"

11. Are there conditions under which members may renounce the treaty? If Yes, describe these conditions.  
Article 20 Section 9 stipulates that the provisions of the agreement are irrevocable.

12. Are there specific provisions in the treaty concerning renewal of the treaty? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe these provisions.  
No

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 as of June 2, 2020  
(<https://www.mfa.gr/en/blog/greece-bilateral-relations/north-macedonia/>)

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

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

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

Article 3 (2) – “Each Party commits to respect the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and the political independence of the other Party. Neither Party shall support the any actions of any third party directed against the sovereignty, the territorial integrity or the political independence of the other Party.”

Article 3 (3) – “The Parties shall refrain, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, from the threat or use of force”

Article 3 (4) – “The Parties commit not to undertake, instigate, support, and/or tolerate any actions or activities of a non-friendly character directed against the other Party.”

Article 19 (1) – “The Parties shall settle any disputes exclusively by peaceful means in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations”

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.

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.

Yes.

Article 3 (4) – “The Parties commit not to undertake, instigate, support and/or tolerate any actions or activities of a non-friendly character directed against the other Party. Neither Party shall allow its territory to be used against the other Party by any third country, Organization, group or individual carrying out or attempting to carry out subversive, secessionist actions, or actions or activities which threaten in any manner the peace, stability or security of the other Party. Each Party shall communicate without delay to the other Party any information in its possession regarding any such actions or activities.”

Article 6 (2) – “Each Party shall promptly take effective measures to discourage and prevent any acts by private actors likely to incite violence, hatred, or hostility against the other part.”

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 3 (1) – “The Parties hereby confirm their common existing frontier as an enduring and inviolable international border. Neither Party shall assert or support any claims to any part of the territory of the other Party or claims for a change to their common existing frontier. In addition, neither Party shall support any such claims that may be raised by any third party.”

Article 4 (1) - “Each Party hereby commits and solemnly declares that nothing in its Constitution, as it is in force or will be amended in the future, can or should be interpreted as constituting or will ever constitute the basis for any claim to any area that is not included in its existing international borders.”

Article 4(2) – “Each Party undertakes not to make or to authorize any irredentist statements and shall not endorse any such statements by those who purport to act on behalf of, or in the interest of, the Party.”

Article 4(3) – “Each Party hereby commits and solemnly declares that nothing in its Constitution as it is in force or will be amended in the future can or should be interpreted as constituting or will ever constitute the basis for interference with the internal affairs of the other Party in any form and for any reason, including for the protection of the status and rights of any person that are not its citizens.”

Article 6(1) – “Aiming at strengthening the friendly bilateral relations each Party shall promptly take effective measures to prohibit any hostile activities, actions, or propaganda by State agencies or agencies directly or indirectly controlled by the State and to prevent activities likely to incite chauvinism, hostility, irredentism, and revisionism against the other Party. Should such activities occur, the Parties shall take all necessary measures.”

Article 6(2) – “Each Party shall promptly take effective measures to discourage and prevent any acts by private entities likely to incite violence, hatred, or hostility against the other Party. If a private entity in the territory of a Party engages in such activities without that Party’s knowledge that Party shall, upon such acts coming to its attention, promptly take all necessary measures as provided by law.”

Article 6(3) – “Each Party shall prevent and discourage acts, including acts of propaganda, by private entities likely to incite chauvinism, hostility, irredentism and revisionism against the other Party.”

### 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 19 section 1 – 3 outlines potential for conflict between members.

Article 19 (1) – “The Parties shall settle any disputes exclusively by peaceful means in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.”

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

Article 19 (2) – “In the event that a Party considers that the other Party is not acting in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, this Party shall first notify the other Party of its concerns and shall seek a solution by negotiation. If the Parties are unable to resolve the matter bilaterally, the Parties may agree to request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to use his good offices to resolve the matter.”

Article 19(3) – “Any dispute that arises between the Parties concerning the interpretations or implementation of this agreement and not resolved according to the procedures referred to under Article 19(2), may be submitted to the International Court of Justice. The Parties should first seek to agree upon a joint submission to said Court regarding any such dispute. However, if agreement is not reached within six months, or such longer period as the Parties shall mutually agree, then any such dispute may be submitted by either Party individually.”

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 8 establishes a Joint Inter-Disciplinary Committee of Experts. The committee meets regularly at least two times per year and submits an Annual Report to the High Level Cooperation Council established below.  
  
Article 12 establishes a “High-Level Cooperation Council” convening at least one time per year to manage the implementation of this agreement.  
  
Article 14 (9) establishes a Joint Ministerial Committee convening at least once per year to steer bilateral economic cooperation.
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.  
Yes. Article 3 (1) – “The Parties hereby confirm their existing frontier as an enduring and inviolable international border. Neither Party shall assert or support claims to any part of the territory of the other Party or claim for a change to their common existing frontier. In addition, neither Party shall support any such claims that may be raised by any third party.”
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.  
Yes.  
  
Article 17 – “The Parties shall reinforce and expand their cooperation in the area of defence, including through frequent visits and contacts between the political and military leadership of their armed forces, the appropriate transfer of know-how and capacity building, the cooperation in the areas of production, information, and joint military exercises. Special emphasis shall be placed on personnel training which the Parties could provide to each other.”
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.  
Yes.  
Article 1 (1) – “This Agreement is final and upon its entry into force terminates the Interim Accord between the Parties signed in New York on 13 September 1995” (terminates ATOP #4735)

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. Preamble – UN, OSCE, Council of Europe – recalls principals and purposes of these organizations  
Article 2 (4.b.ii) – European Union – Greece commits to assist North Macedonia with EU admission  
Article 2 (4.b.ii) – NATO – Greece commits to assist North Macedonia with NATO admission
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.  
  
Article 2 (4.b.ii) – European Union (ATOP #4175) – Greece commits to assist North Macedonia with EU admission  
Article 2 (4.b.ii) – NATO (ATOP #3521) – Greece commits to assist North Macedonia with NATO admission  
Article 5 (1) – OSCE (ATOP #3740) – The parties will be guided by the principles set forth in that agreement.
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.  
Article 9 outlines a number of non military areas that the states will generally cooperate in including: agriculture, civil protection, energy, environment, industry, infrastructure, investment, tourism, and trade.  
Article 14 outlines more specific economic cooperation to be administered through the Joint Ministerial Committee  
Article 15 outlines cooperation in education, science, culture, research, technology  
Article 16 outlines police cooperation
51. Does the treaty resolve other conflicts among the parties to the alliance? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.  
Yes. This treaty resolves the naming dispute between Macedonia and Greece codified in UN Security Council resolution 817.  
The treaty extensively outlines in Articles 7 and 8 the resolution of conflicts over naming and symbol usage.
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.  
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: Final Agreement for the Settlement of Differences as Described in the United Nations Security Council Resolution 817(1993) and 845(1993), the Termination of the Interim Accord of 1995, and the Establishment of a Strategic Partnership between the Parties.

59. Treaty citation: UNTS No. 55707

60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet: June 2, 2020

61. Coder: Nicholas Coulombe and Ashley Leeds