

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)  
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: 2395

2. COW Alliance # (if applicable): 3085

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

November 25, 1936.

Italy accedes November 6, 1937.

Hungary accedes February 24, 1939.

Spain accedes April 7, 1939.

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

Germany (255)

Japan (740)

Italy (325) (accedes November 6, 1937)

Hungary (310) (accedes February 24, 1939)

Spain (230) (accedes April 7, 1939).

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.)

Executive Agreement.

7. Was the treaty public, public but with secret articles, or secret? If secret articles, describe the content of secret articles.

Public with additional secret agreement.

8. Are there provisions for adding additional members mentioned in the treaty? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe these provisions.

Yes. The contracting parties will jointly invite third states whose internal peace is menaced by the disintegrating work of the Communistic International, to adopt defensive measures in the spirit of the present agreement or to participate in the present agreement (Art.II).

9. Are specific state(s) mentioned as possible future members of the alliance? (Yes, No) If Yes, which state(s)?

No. See #8.

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 agreement shall remain in force for five years (Art.III).

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 contracting parties will, in a reasonable time before the expiration of the said term, come to an understanding upon the further manner of their cooperation (Art.III).

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):

August 23, 1939.

15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.

Germany signs a non-aggression pact with USSR.

## 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.)

Consultation Pact  
Neutrality Pact.

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

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

The contracting parties agree that they will mutually keep each other informed concerning the activities of the Communistic International, will confer upon the necessary measures of defense, and will carry out such measures in close cooperation (Art.I).

The competent authorities of both contracting parties will closely cooperate in the exchange of reports on the activities of the Communistic International and on measures of information and defense against the Communistic International (Supplementary Protocol, a).

Should one of the contracting parties become the object of an unprovoked attack or threat of attack by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the other party obligates itself to take no measures which would tend to ease the situation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Should the case described in paragraph 1 occur, the contracting states will immediately consult on what measures to take to safeguard their common interests (Secret Additional Agreement, Art.I).

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- specific adversary, attack, nonprovocation of enemy.

20. Describe the nature of the limits to obligations listed in #19.

The parties promise neutrality in the event of an unprovoked attack by the USSR. They promise consultation regarding activities of the Communist International.

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.

Yes. USSR (365). The government of the German Reich and the Imperial Japanese Government, recognizing that the government of the USSR is working towards a realization of the aims of the Communist International and intends to employ its army for this purpose, convinced that this fact threatens not only the contracting states, but endangers world peace most seriously ... (Preamble of Secret Additional Agreement). See also articles I and II of the secret agreement.

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.

Yes. For the duration of the present agreement, the contracting parties will conclude no political treaties with the USSR contrary to the spirit of this agreement (Secret Additional Agreement, Art.II).

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:

### 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.

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.  
Yes. To facilitate the cooperation of the competent authorities of the two contracting parties (...), a standing committee shall be established. By this committee the further measures to be adopted in order to counter the disintegrating activities of the Communistic International shall be considered and conferred upon (Supplementary Protocol, c).

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.  
No.
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.  
No.
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.  
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: Coded based on public agreement, supplementary protocol, and secret additional agreement.
58. Source of coding information (e.g., treaty, treaty and secondary sources, secondary sources only, etc.): Treaty.
59. Treaty citation:  
Public agreement and supplementary protocol: Gantenbein, James W. 1948. *Documentary of World War II, 1931-1941*. New York: Columbia University Press, pp.988-991.  
Secret Additional Agreement: DGFP, Series D, vol. I, p.734.
60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet: 02/25/05.
61. Coder: Ashley Leeds.