

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: 1480
2. COW Alliance # (if applicable): N/A.
3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):
September 12, 1912.
4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):
345 Serbia
348 Montenegro (Montenegro is not a COW system member, but is a member of the international system according to Gleditsch and Ward)
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.
Secret in its particulars (Military Convention, Art.XI).
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 remain in force for three years (Military Convention, Art.X).
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.
The treaty can be extended by agreement (Military Convention, Art.X).
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):
January 7, 1915.
15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.
Montenegro loses independence.

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.)
Offense Pact
Defense Pact
Consultation Pact.

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

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

Serbia and Montenegro bind themselves without any reservation to aid each other with their entire strength, should either of them be attacked by one or more states (Art.I).

Serbia and Montenegro pledge to aid each other with their entire strength should Austria-Hungary attempt to annex, occupy, or even temporarily hold with arms a part of European Turkey, and should one of the parties regard this as contrary to its vital interests (Art.II).

Should one of the parties regard the situation in Turkey and the general conditions in Europe as favorable, to initiate action for the liberation of the Serbs from the Turkish yoke, and should it turn to the other party with a proposal in this regard, the other party must immediately enter into negotiations thereon (Art.III).

Inasmuch as the governments of Serbia and Montenegro regard the present situation in Turkey and the general conditions in Europe as very favorable for action aimed at the liberation of Serbs under the Turkish yoke, they have agreed that war should be declared upon Turkey at the latest by October 1 of the current year (...) (Art.III).

In case of war with Austria-Hungary the manner of warfare on the part of Montenegro and Serbia will be that of strategic defensive, not excluding tactical offensive in certain directions and at appropriate moments (Military Convention, Art.I). In a war with Turkey the character of warfare pursued by both armies will be that of strategic offensive (Military Convention, Art.2).

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, specific location.

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

Offensive and consultation obligations are related to actions against Turkey and/or Austria acting in Turkey.

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 III-IX of the Military Convention specify particular troop actions, etc.

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- Turkey (640) and Austria-Hungary (300).

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.

Yes. The allies must not negotiate with the enemy for any special advantage nor conclude an armistice or peace without mutual agreement (Art.V).

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:

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. The boundaries between the allied Serbian Kingdoms must be regulated by a joint commission (Art.VI).

30. Does the treaty discuss mediation/arbitration or other means of settling disputes among the signatories? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.
If the commission cannot reach agreement, it will be left to the King of Bulgaria and the King of Greece to resolve the issues of common frontiers (Art.VI).
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.)
At the beginning of operations, the supreme commands of both armies will be independent in their performance. Following the first successful operations and the attainment of joint objectives, both supreme commands must come to an agreement on the subsequent course of operations, in the interests of unity of action and solidarity of operations (Military Convention, Art.VI).
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. A commission to settle border problems (Art.VI).
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. But: The relationship of the main army force to secondary forces will be determined by the war plan of the respective armies, but no less that three-fourths of all operational forces must be directed into the main battle-zone (Military Convention, Art.IX).
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.
Yes. The armies undertake all necessary measures in peace to insure the most effective organization of military forces and must facilitate, as speedily as possible, mobilization and concentration (Military Convention, Art.VII).
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.
Yes. The military convention.
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.
Yes. The borders between the allied Serbian Kingdoms must be regulated by a joint commission (Art. VI).
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.
59. Treaty citation: Hurst, Michael (ed.) 1972. Key Treaties for the Great Powers 1814-1914, vol.1 (1814-1870). St. Martin's Press, p.828.
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