

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: # 2110.
2. COW Alliance # (if applicable): # 3033.
3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):
Treaty of Defensive Alliance: November 1, 1923 (Phase 1)
Treaty for the Organization of the Alliance: February 17, 1934 (Phase 2).
4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):
366 Estonia
367 Latvia.
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.
Phase 1: No.
Phase 2: The parties agree to be always prepared to consider the means of enabling third parties to become parties to the present treaty (Art.6).
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 ten years (Phase I Treaty, Art.8).
11. Are there conditions under which members may renounce the treaty? If Yes, describe these conditions.
Yes.
After ten years, the parties may denounce the treaty given one year's notice (Phase I Treaty, Art.8).
12. Are there specific provisions in the treaty concerning renewal of the treaty? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe these provisions.
See # 11
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):
June 16, 1940
15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.
Estonia and Latvia are absorbed into the 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

Defense Pact.

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

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

The two governments undertake to coordinate their efforts for peace by consulting each other on such questions as are important to both, and by affording each other political and diplomatic assistance in their international relations (Phase 1 treaty, Art.2).

The parties undertake to afford each other assistance should either of them suffer an unprovoked attack on its present frontiers. Accordingly, should one of the parties suffer an unprovoked attack, the other shall consider itself in a state of war and shall furnish armed assistance (Phase 1 treaty, Art.3).

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- unprovoked attack.

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

The defense clause is contingent on one of the allies being the victim of an unprovoked 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.

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.

Yes. Should the parties (...) find themselves in a state of defensive war (...) they undertake that neither will separately negotiate or conclude an armistice or peace (Phase 1 treaty, Art.5).

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. Neither party shall conclude an alliance with a third power without the consent of the other party (Phase 1 treaty, Art.7).

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. All disputed questions which may arise between the parties, and which cannot be settled by diplomatic means, shall be laid before the Court of International Justice or submitted to international arbitration (Phase 1 treaty, Art.6).

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

Yes. See 29.

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.)

Yes. The competent technical authorities of the Estonian Republic and the Latvian Republic shall determine by common agreement the manner in which the two countries will assist each other, and shall establish the necessary provisions for the execution of article 3 of the present treaty [defense] (Phase 1 treaty, Art.4).

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. The phase 2 treaty establishes periodical conferences of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs that take place at regular intervals, at least twice a year, and that are designed to deal with general policy and to deal with all questions relating to their joint foreign policy (Phase 2 treaty, Art.1,2). The treaty also establishes a permanent council for the coordination of the laws of the two countries (Art.3). The parties may also send mixed joint delegations to international conferences (Art.4).

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.

Yes. The Treaty for the Organization of the Alliance (Phase 2) is based upon the Treaty of Defensive Alliance (Phase 1). See Preamble of the treaty for the Organization of the Alliance.

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.

The parties undertake to follow a wholly pacific policy, directed towards maintaining and strengthening the bonds of friendship and developing their economic relations with all nations, more specifically with the Baltic states and neighboring countries (Phase 1 treaty, Art.1).

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:

The alliance consists of two phases. The first phase begins with the Treaty of Defensive Alliance signed of November 1, 1923 and the second phase starts with the Treaty for the Organization of the Defensive Alliance signed on February 17, 1934.

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

59. Treaty citation: Phase 1: LNTS, vol.23, p.83.
Phase 2: LNTS, vol.150, p.105.

60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet: 02/21/05.

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