

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID:4675

2. COW Alliance # (if applicable):
NA

3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):
February 21, 1995

4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):
365 Russia
370 Belarus

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.
120 months.

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.
Automatic renewal for 10 year terms unless neither party terminates with six months notice in writing before expiry of current term.

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):
Still in effect on July 30, 2018 as per Russian MFA Website (http://www.mid.ru/en/main_en)

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.)
Consultation Pact, Nonaggression Pact

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

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

Nonaggression:

Article 1. "The (parties) will build friendly, good neighborly relations and develop cooperation guided the principles of ... the nonuse of force or the threat of force ..."

Consultation:

Article 5. "In the event of an armed attack on one of the (parties) or the threat of such an attack, the (parties) will consult and take other measures taking account of commitments under the Treaty of Collective Security of 15 May 1992 and other treaties to which they are party."

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)
location

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

See # 18. Consultation is contingent upon attack or threat of attack, coded as threat in location of home territory

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.

Article 5 : "Each of the (parties) will refrain from participation in or support for any actions whatsoever directed against the other (party) and pledges not to conclude any treaties directed against the other (party).

Neither of the (parties) will allow its territory to be utilized to the detriment of the security of the other (party)."

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.

Article 5. "Each of the (parties) will refrain from participation in or support for any actions whatsoever directed against the other (party) and pledges not to conclude any treaties directed against the other (party).

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. Article 4: " The Parties, ..., will cooperate on the basis of individual agreements in resolving border issues between them." Parties will consult to settle disagreements over implementation and interpretation of treaty (Article 22).

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.
Article 3 establishes regular meetings (annually) and allows joint commissions to be formed. Article 20 says regular consultations will be held regarding the implementation of the treaty and a Mixed Interstate Commission will be set up.
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:
Article 5: "The (parties) will carry out coordination of activity in the military field in accordance with individual agreements."

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.
Article 24 declares that this agreement nullifies the treaty of December 18, 1990 between the parties. We do not have a copy of the previous agreement to my knowledge.
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.

United Nations—parties are committed to principles of UN charter and to strengthening its peacemaking role (Article 2)

Commonwealth of Independent States—parties are committed to agreements of CIS, parties shall support rights of citizens under obligations of CIS.

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.

Treaty of Collective Security of May 15, 1992

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe—parties adhere to commitments made in OSCE, parties shall support rights of citizens under obligations of OSCE.

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.

Article 9 (economic integration)

Article 10 (national power and transportation systems)

Article 11 (labor)

Article 12 (environment)

Article 13 (science, research, and technology)

Article 14 (education)

Article 15 (culture)

Article 16 (health care)

Article 19 (fighting crime)

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.

Article 11 (resettlement of citizens and migration)

54. Does the treaty mention unresolved conflicts among the contracting parties? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.

Yes. Article 4 mentions border issues.

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.

Parties will based their relationship on non-interference in internal affairs (article 1)

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: Russia and Eurasia Documents Annual 1995 (vol. 2) p. 182-186

60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet: July 30, 2004

61. Coder: Andrew Long, Ashley Leeds

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