

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)  
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: # 2495
2. COW Alliance # (if applicable): # 3106
3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):  
December 17, 1939.
4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):  
100 Colombia  
101 Venezuela.
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. The treaty shall remain in force for 10 years (Art.25).
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. If the treaty is not denounced six months before its expiry, it shall be considered as renewed for a further period, and so on (Art.25).
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 January 11, 2018 via Colombia MFA:  
(<http://apw.cancilleria.gov.co/tratados/SitePages/BuscadorTratados.aspx?Estado=318&Tipo=B>)
15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.  
N/A – Still in effect

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 Pact.

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

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

The two parties undertake in no case to resort to war or commit any act of aggression against each other (Art.1).

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.

N/A.

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.

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:

### 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 parties undertake, in conformity with the terms of the present treaty, to submit to methods of peaceful settlement laid out down herein all disputes, of whatever nature or from whatever cause which may arise between them and which it has not been possible to settle amicably by ordinary diplomatic methods, excepting only those which may directly affect the vital interests, the independence or the territorial integrity of the parties (Art.2).

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

Yes. If one of the parties alleges that the dispute between them is concerned with a matter which, by its nature and according to international law, is exclusively within the competence and jurisdiction of that party, and if the opposing party does not recognize the claim, the matter shall be laid before the Permanent Court of International Justice (Art.3).

All questions which the parties fail to settle amicably through customary diplomatic channels, shall be submitted to the permanent conciliation commission (Art.4).

If after 6 months a settlement based on the recommendation of the permanent conciliation commission is not found, the dispute shall be submitted to judicial decision or to arbitration in accordance with articles 15 et seq. of this treaty (Art.14).

All disputes that are not adjusted in the process of conciliation shall be submitted to the judicial decision of the Permanent Court of International Justice, or of a court of arbitration, constituted in the manner laid down in this treaty, provided that the subjects are a) the existence, interpretation and application of an international treaty between the parties, b) any point in

international law, c) the existence of any fact which having been verified may constitute a violation of an international undertaking, d) the nature and extent of the reparation due by reason of that violation. (...) When the dispute is concerned with matters distinct from those enumerated in sections a,b,c,d, the parties may submit the difference in opinion to the tribunal of arbitration established in this treaty and give it the power to enact *ex aequo et bono* if not legal ruling be applicable (Art.15). The tribunal is described in Art.16-17.

Any differences which may arise concerning the interpretation or execution of this treaty shall be submitted, unless an agreement to the contrary exists between the two parties, to the Permanent Court of International Justice or to the tribunal of arbitration, by means of a simple request made by either of the parties (Art.24).

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. The permanent conciliation commission (Art.3-14) and the tribunal of arbitration (Art.15-17).

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.

Yes. The Permanent Court of International Justice can be called upon to resolve disputes between the parties (Art.3, 15-24).

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:

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

59. Treaty citation: BFSP, col.143, p.142.

60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet: 2/13/05.

61. Coder: Michaela Mattes, Ashley Leeds.

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