

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)  
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: 4085

2. COW Alliance # (if applicable):

N/A

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

7 October 1991

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

350 Greece; 355 Bulgaria

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 is concluded for a term of 20 years, and will be automatically renewed for periods of 5 years.

11. Are there conditions under which members may renounce the treaty? If Yes, describe these conditions.

Yes. A party may renounce the treaty in writing at least an year before the respective renewal date.

12. Are there specific provisions in the treaty concerning renewal of the treaty? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe these provisions.

Yes. Treaty will be automatically renewed for periods of 5 years after the initial 20-year term expires.

13. Number of times alliance renewed, dates of renewal, and means by which alliance was renewed (Do not include automatic renewals):

Initial term hasn't expired.

14. Termination date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances) and source(s) for termination dates(s):

Still in effect as January 11, 2018 Greek Embassy in Sofia, Bulgaria:

(<http://www.mfa.gr/bulgaria/ellada/ellada-kai-bulgaria/politikes-sheseis.html>)

15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.

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.)

Neutrality

Non-aggression pact.

Consultation pact.

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

N/A

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

The parties will not be the first to use military force against each other:

“The Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of Greece re-affirm the principle of non-aggression as basis of their bilateral and multilateral relations, also recalling the content of Article 51 of the UN Charter, and will not be the first to use military force against each other.” (Article 4, Paragraph 1)

The parties will provide consultation to each other in case one of them is attacked or threatened by an attack:

“If one of the contracting parties estimates that external factors threaten or could threaten its territorial integrity, national security or invulnerability of borders, it can in alignment with the content of this treaty demand immediate consultations with the other party for the adoption of appropriate measures and coordination of actions, including actions within the framework of the European institutions for collective security, to the purpose of overcoming the dangerous situation.” (Article 6, Paragraph 3)

The parties will not aid any 3<sup>rd</sup> party that attacks the other party:

“In case, one of the two states becomes a target of direct or indirect attack or a threat to attack by a third party, the other state will not provide any political, military or other aid to this third party.” (Article 6, Paragraph 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

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

Neutrality conditional upon 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.

Yes.

The parties will not allow access to their territory to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties that threaten the other party:

“The Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of Greece will not allow access to their territory, will not encourage and will not undertake with respect to each other whatever actions of unfriendly or belligerent nature.” (Article 3, Paragraph 1).

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.

Consultation is contingent upon request.

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:

The parties will exchange information on their military in the border regions:

“The two parties will undertake measures to underline the defensive nature of their military doctrines and will, in a spirit of openness in the military sphere, undertake efforts to broaden and deepen the exchange of information about their military forces and the legislation concerning the issues.” (Article 4, Paragraph 2).

The parties will try to preserve their friendly relations:

“[The parties] will abstain from action, which directly or indirectly can damage the relations of good neighborhood, or create spite or negative attitude towards the other party.” (Article 3, Paragraph 2).

### 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.)

Only for confidence building

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.

The ministers of foreign affairs are to meet at least once a year successively in each state. (Article 17, Paragraph 2).

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 but parties will adopt the limitation of military forces as an underlying principle (Article 5, Paragraph 1) and will participate in international arms reduction negotiations (Article 5, Paragraph 2).

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.

Parties will adhere to the UN Charter in their bilateral relations. (Article 6, Paragraph 1). The parties will support the European Community efforts to deepen cooperation among European states (Article 7), and Greece will support the start of negotiations between the European Community and Bulgaria for the latter's accession (Article 8).

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.

Yes.

The Helsinki Final Act  
The Charter of Paris for a New Europe

The parties state that they will adhere to the principles of the above conventions.

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.

Yes

The parties will encourage economic, industrial, banking, technological, scientific, water management (Article 7, Article 9), energy, transport, telecommunications (Article 11), cultural (Article 13) and legal and crime prevention cooperation (Article 15).

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.

Yes.

The parties commit to non-intervention (Article 2).

## SECTION V: DOCUMENTATION

57. Additional coder comments on this alliance treaty:

In force since 5/21/1992; translated from Bulgarian by Valentin Krustev.

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

Treaty

59. Treaty citation:

Governmental Bulletin: Official Publication of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria. Issue 91/26 October 1993.

60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet:

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61. Coder:

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