

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)  
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: 4135

2. COW Alliance # (if applicable): N/A.

3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):  
January 9, 1992.

4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):  
325 Italy  
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 15 years (Art.21).

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. The treaty shall be automatically renewed for further 5-year periods unless one of the parties submits written notice of its intention to terminate the agreement at least one year before each expiration date (Art.21).

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 (provided by Italy MFA)  
Version 4.0: In effect as of January 11, 2018 according to Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy  
(<http://itra.esteri.it/itrapgm/>)

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.

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

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

If one of the parties holds that a certain situation threatens its supreme interests of security, it can ask the other party to proceed without delay to bilateral consultations to examine opportune measures, even in relevant forums, with the goal of reducing or eliminating that threat (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)

No.

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

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.

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:

### 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.)

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.  
The foreign ministers will meet at least once a year, while other government members will hold consultations with periodic expirations (Art.2). There are mixed intergovernmental commissions on economic and technical-scientific collaboration. If necessary, other permanent or ad hoc organisms may be instituted with the reciprocal agreement of the parties (Art.7).

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.

Preamble: Helsinki Final Act, Charter of Paris and other CSCE documents. The parties strive towards the reinforcement of the role of the UN (...). They emphasize the need of the full use of the potential of the UN to guarantee collective security and that of every member state (Art.4). They promote the consolidation of democracy in accordance with the Helsinki Final Act and other CSCE documents (Art.6). The parties encourage the development and the deepening of the relations between Bulgaria and the European Community (...). Italy will support the development of close relations between Bulgaria and the Community of Europe. Italy will support the provision of an agreement for the association of Bulgaria with European communities as well

as efforts of Bulgaria to create conditions for its adhesion to these communities as soon as possible (Art.12). The obligations taken by Italy in the bilateral accords with Bulgaria respect (...) the arrangements under the CSCE (Art.13).

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. CSCE. See 47.

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.

Economic, industrial, financial, technical-scientific and ecological collaboration (Art.7, 8), energy, transportation and telecommunications (Art.9), science and technology (Art.10), environment (Art.11), culture (Art.15), youth exchanges (Art.16), illegally exported arts (Art.18).

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.

The parties will draw up, when necessary, agreements to translate in practice the provisions of the present treaty (Art.1).

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.

Italy will support the development of close relations between Bulgaria and the Community of Europe. Italy will support the provision of an agreement for the association of Bulgaria with European communities as well as efforts of Bulgaria to create conditions for its adhesion to these communities as soon as possible (Art.12).

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:

Coded based on translation from Italian by Alessandra Carreon.

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

59. Treaty citation: provided by the MFA of Italy.

60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet: 7/27/04

61. Coder: Michaela Mattes and Ashley Leeds.

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