

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: 2105

2. COW Alliance # (if applicable):
NA

3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):
February 7, 1923

4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):
90 Guatemala
91 Honduras
92 El Salvador
93 Nicaragua
94 Costa Rica

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.
Treaty will remain in force until January 1, 1934; after which any party may denounce and will no longer be a party to the treaty one year from date of denunciation. Denunciation by one or two parties leaves the treaty in force for the remaining parties, provided that these be no less than three in number.

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.
Continues in force until 1 year after denunciation

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):
Costa Rica: December 23, 1932
El Salvador: December 26, 1932
Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua: March 24, 1954

15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.
Denounced by Costa Rica December 23, 1932 and El Salvador December 26, 1932 in violation of the treaty's terms (BFSP 130: 517). See Grieb (1971) for a discussion of the reasons behind these denunciations.
Denounced by Honduras on March 24, 1953 (BFSP 160: 639). Since the treaty continues in force until one year after

denunciation (see Q12), we code termination for Honduras on March 24, 1954. Once Honduras denounces, the treaty ceases to be in effect for the remaining two countries (see Q10).

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.)

Non-aggression Pact

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

NA

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

Article I. "The (parties) consider as the first of their duties, in their mutual relations, the maintenance of peace; and they bind themselves always to observe the most complete harmony and to decide any differences or difficulties that may arise amongst them, in conformity with the conventions which they have signed on this date for the establishment of an International Central American Tribunal and for the establishment of international commissions of enquiry."

Article IV: "In case of civil war no Government of Central America shall intervene in favour of or against the Government of the country where the conflict takes place."

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)

none

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

NA

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. Parties agree not to recognize governments that come to power through coups d'état or revolution (Article 2)

Each of the governments agree not to permit any person, whether a national, Central American or foreigner, to organize or foment revolutionary activities within its territory against a recognized government of any other Central American Republic. None of the contracting parties will permit the persons under its jurisdiction or organize armed expeditions or to take part in any hostilities which may arise in a neighboring country, or to furnish money or war supplies to the contracting parties (Article 14).

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:

Article 15 obligates the parties not to form any secret pacts with one another.

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 - see # 30

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

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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.

Companion agreement establishes International Central American Tribunal (Article 1)

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:

No

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.

The treaty nullifies all existing treaties by the parties whose provisions are modified or incorporated into the current agreement.

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.

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.

Yes - establishment of International Central American Tribunal

50. Does the treaty include statements regarding non-military cooperation (e.g., economic, cultural, scientific exchange)? (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.

Protection of the rights of foreign nationals (art. 6)

Foreign merchant ships are granted the same rights as domestic merchant ships (art. 8)

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.

Article XIV: "(The parties)..., agree not to intervene, under any circumstances, directly or indirectly, in the internal political affairs of any other (party)..."

SECTION V: DOCUMENTATION

57. Additional coder comments on this alliance treaty:

Q15 coded based in part on information retrieved from:

Grieb, Kenneth J. 1971. "The United States and the Rise of General Maximiliano Hernandez Martinez." *Journal of Latin American Studies* 3 (2): 151-172.

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

59. Treaty citation: BFSP 130:517

60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet: July 8, 2004

61. Coder: Andrew Long and Ashley Leeds

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