

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)  
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: 4725

2. COW Alliance # (if applicable):

N/A

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

29 JUNE 1995 (ARTICLE 26)

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

355 BULGARIA  
373 AZERBAIJIAN

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 (ARTICLE 25)

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 PERIOD OF 10 YEARS. (ARTICLE 24)

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. AFTER THE INITIAL 10 YEARS, THE TREATY WILL BE CONCLUDED FOR ANOTHER 5 YEARS, UNLESS ONE OF THE PARTIES DENOUNCES THE TREATY IN WRITING AT LEAST ONE YEAR BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF ITS TERM OF ACTIVITY.

N.B. JUST 1 AUTOMATIC EXTENSION SPECIFIED!

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

Version 4.0: In effect as of June 1, 2018 according to Ministry of Defense, Bulgaria

([https://www.md.government.bg/en/cooperation\\_bilateral\\_agreements.html](https://www.md.government.bg/en/cooperation_bilateral_agreements.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.)

NONAGGRESSION PACT

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

N/A

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

NONAGGRESSION – THE PARTIES COMMIT TO THE NON-USE OF FORCE OR THREATS TO USE FORCE IN ARTICLE 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.

NONE

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:

ARTICLE 3: THE PARTIES WILL COOPERATE IN THE UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

ARTICLE 15: THE PARTIES WILL FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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 COMMIT TO THE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES IN ARTICLE 1.

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.

NO. THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL MEET REGULARLY (ARTICLE 3), BUT NO SPECIFIC TIME FRAME IS PROVIDED.

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:

NONE

#### 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. ARTICLE 23 SAYS THAT THE TREATY IS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST THIRD PARTIES AND DOES NOT CONCERN THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES ARISING FROM THE ACTIVE INTERNATIONAL TREATIES IN WHICH THEY PARTAKE.

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 – ARTICLE 23

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. UNITED NATIONS, OSCE, BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

PREAMBLE – THE PARTIES CONCLUDE THE TREATY GOVERNING THEMSELVES BY THE GOALS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UN CHARTER.

ARTICLE 2 – THE PARTIES WILL MAKE EFFORTS TO ELEVATE THE ROLES OF THE UN AND THE OSCE

ARTICLE 15 – THE PARTIES WILL FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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. OSCE

IN ADDITION TO #47,

ARTICLE 4 – THE PARTIES WILL WORK WITHIN THE OSCE FRAMEWORK FOR DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

ARTICLE 5 – THE PARTIES' COOPERATION WILL FOLLOW OSCE PROCEEDING AND THE PARTIES WILL SUPPORT THE OSCE INSTITUTIONS AND MECHANISMS.

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.

REGIONAL COOPERATION – ARTICLE 9

ECONOMIC COOPERATION – ARTICLE 11

AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION – ARTICLE 12

MILITARY-TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION – ARTICLE 13

TRANSPORTATION AND CUSTOMS SERVICES – ARTICLE 14

SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION – ARTICLE 16

ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION – ARTICLE 17

CULTURAL COOPERATION – ARTICLE 18

SOCIAL WORK, HEALTH CARE, TOURISM AND SPORT, YOUTH EXCHANGE – ARTICLE 19

COOPERATION AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME – ARTICLE 20

CONSULAR COOPERATION – ARTICLE 21

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.

YES – ARTICLE 22 SAYS THAT THE PARTIES WILL CONCLUDE SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENTS, IF NEEDED, ON ISSUES ARISING IN THE FULFILLMENT OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS BY THIS TREATY.

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. ARTICLE 1 COMMITS THE PARTIES TO NON-INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

## SECTION V: DOCUMENTATION

57. Additional coder comments on this alliance treaty:

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

TREATY

59. Treaty citation:

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60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet:

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61. Coder:

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