

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: 6015

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

3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):
May 2, 2007

4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):
370 Belarus
373 Azerbaijan

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 10 years.

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 will be automatically extended for successive 5 year periods unless one of the Contracting Parties declares its intention to terminate the treaty to the other party in writing at least 12 months before the expiration of the treaty (Art. 23).

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 June 20, 2018 according to the website of the Embassy of Belarus to Azerbaijan
(http://azerbaijan.mfa.gov.by/ru/bilateral_relations/)

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.)
Nonaggression Pact

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

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

“The High Contracting Parties in their relations ensure compliance with the principles of respect for state sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of borders, non-interference in internal affairs, non-use of force or threat power, including economic and other means of pressure, peaceful resolution of disputes...” (Art. 1) [Nonaggression]

“Each of the High Contracting Parties shall refrain from participation in or support any actions or activities [that] were [directed] against the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the other High Contracting Party...” (Art. 2) [Nonaggression]

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.

Yes.

No use of economic or other means of pressure against the other party (Art. 1)

“Each of the High Contracting Parties shall refrain from participation in or support any actions or activities [that] were [directed] against the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the other High Contracting Party, and shall not permit, its territory to be used against the interests of safety another High Contracting Party.” (Art. 2)

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:

“Each of the High Contracting Parties shall take in its territory appropriate measures, including legislation, to prevent and suppress any action based on national, racial, ethnic or religious intolerance, hostility or hatred.” (Art. 18)

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 High Contracting Parties in their relations ensure compliance with the principles of...peaceful resolution of disputes...” (Art. 1)

“Disputes concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled by consultation and negotiation between the High Contracting Parties.” (Art. 21)

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.

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.
Yes.

“The High Contracting Parties shall develop military and military-technical cooperation, and facilitate contacts between defense ministries of the two countries on the basis of individual agreements.” (Art. 10)

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 – UN and OSCE as a framework for peace and security (Preamble and Art. 3) and UN as the framework for cooperation for the issues of mutual interest

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-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.

Yes.

Cooperation in UN and other IOs for the issues of mutual interest (Art. 4)

Increased exchange between their citizens, governmental and nongovernmental organizations and local governments; interparliamentary cooperation (Art. 5, 6)

Economic and trade cooperation; cooperation for the protection of intellectual property rights (Art. 7)

Cooperation in transit transport and communications (Art. 8)

Cooperation in telecommunications and postal services (Art. 9)

Cooperation in the field of basic and applied sciences (Art. 11)

Cooperation in the field of education (Art. 12)

Cooperation in the field of culture (Art. 14)

Cooperation in the field of human rights, and the protection and use of intellectual property (Art. 14)

Cooperation for environmental protection (Art. 15)

Cooperation in public health and the development of medical science and practice (Art. 16)

Cooperation for the protection of the rights of citizens and national minorities living in the territory of the other party (Art. 17, 18)

Cooperation in the fight against organized crime, terrorism, illegal migration, human trafficking, etc. (Art. 19)

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.

Agreement on cooperation in the field of basic and applied sciences (Art. 11)

Agreement on cooperation in the field of education (Art. 12)

Agreement on cooperation for environmental protection (Art. 15)

Agreement on cooperation for the fight against organized crime and terrorism (Art. 19)

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 High Contracting Parties in their relations ensure compliance with the principles of...non-interference in internal affairs...” (Art. 1)

SECTION V: DOCUMENTATION

57. Additional coder comments on this alliance treaty:

The original language of this treaty is Russian and the text is translated by using the Google Chrome browser.

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

Treaty: Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between Belarus and Azerbaijan

59. Treaty citation: <http://laws.newsby.org/documents/laws/law0134.htm> (Accessed on May 10, 2018)

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