

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)  
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: 3895

2. COW Alliance # (if applicable): 3599

3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances): 29 May 1981

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

Benin (434); Burkina Faso(439) ; Cote d'Ivoire (437); Gambia (420); Ghana(452); Guinea(438); Guinea- Bissau(404); Liberia(450); Mauritania (435); Niger(436); Nigeria(475); Senegal (433); Sierra Leone(451); Togo(461).

\*UNTS does not report ratification by Benin, Gambia, or Mauritania.

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.  
Article 21 discusses accession by new states to ECOWAS.

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.  
NO.

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

YES. Article 23- "Any Member State wishing to withdraw from the Protocol shall give to the Executive Secretary one year's written notice. At the end of this period of one year, if such notice is not withdrawn, such a State shall cease to be a party to the Protocol."

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

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):

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(<https://treaties.un.org/Pages/showDetails.aspx?objid=08000002800b8ff9&clang=en> )

15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.

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.)  
Defense Pact

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

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

Article 2- "Member States declare and accept that any armed threat or aggression directed against any Member State shall constitute a threat or aggression against the entire Community."

Article 3 – “Member States declare and accept that any armed threat or aggression directed against any Member State shall constitute a threat or aggression against the entire community.”

Article 4- “ Member States resolve to give mutual aid and assistance for defence against any armed threat or aggression.”

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- specific adversary.

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

Mediation only when conflict is among members of the alliance.

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. Article 17- “When there is a conflict between two Member States of the Community, the Authority shall meet urgently and take appropriate action for mediation. If need be, the Authority shall decide only to interpose the A.A.F.C. between the troops engaged in the conflict.”

Article 18- “ In the case where an internal conflict in a Member State of the community is actively maintained and sustained from outside, the provisions of Articles 6, 9 and 16 of this Protocol shall apply.”

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.

Preamble mentions “presence of foreign military bases”

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 20 (2) and (3)- “Nonetheless, a Defence Agreement concluded with some other State shall be denounced by the Member State concerned as soon as such other State shall have been identified by the Authority as an aggressor against a Member State.

(3) “Member States shall undertake to end the presence of foreign military bases within their national territories as soon as the Community is in the position to meet their requirements in matters relating to defence.”

### 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. Article 17- “ When there is a conflict between two Member States of the Community, the Authority shall meet urgently and take appropriate action for mediation. If need be, the Authority shall decide only to interpose the Allied Armed Forces of the Community between the troops in the conflict.”

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

YES. Article 17- “ When there is a conflict between two Member States of the Community, the Authority shall meet urgently and take appropriate action for mediation. If need be, the Authority shall decide only to interpose the Allied Armed Forces of the Community between the troops in the conflict.”

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.) YES. The treaty requires official contact among the military forces through the Defense Council and the Defense Commission in peacetime and in the event of hostilities

( Article 7-11).

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. YES

Article 13- “All Member States agree to place at the disposal of the Community, earmarked units from the existing National Armed Forces in case of any armed intervention”.

Article 14- “The Allied Armed Forces of the Community shall be under the command of the Forces Commander appointed by the Authority on the proposal of the Defense Council....”

35. Does the treaty establish any organizations? (include provisions for regularly scheduled meetings) (Yes, No) If Yes, describe.

YES. Article 5 – “The institutions for the implementation of this Protocol are The Authority; The Defence Council; The Defence Commission.”

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. YES.

Article 21 (1) and (2)- “Any Member State which accedes to the Treaty automatically accedes to this Protocol and to the Protocol of Non-Aggression signed in Lagos on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1978.”

(2) “On the other hand, any Member State signatory to this present Protocol and having ratified it, or having acceded to it, becomes party to the above-mentioned Non-Aggression Pact.”

Article 24 (3) states that this protocol is part of the 1975 ECOWAS treaty.

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 Organization of African Unity (preamble) and ECOWAS

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. ECOWAS Pact of Nonaggression.

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. NO.
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. NO

#### SECTION V: DOCUMENTATION

57. Additional coder comments on this alliance treaty:
58. Source of coding information (e.g., treaty, treaty and secondary sources, secondary sources only, etc.): Treaty
59. Treaty citation: UN, Treaty Series, no. 29137
60. Date of last revision of this coding sheet: March 25, 2005
61. Coder: Sezi Anac and Ashley Leeds
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