

ALLIANCE TREATY OBLIGATIONS AND PROVISIONS (ATOP)
CODING SHEET

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SECTION I: FORMATION, MEMBERS, AND DURATION

1. ATOP ID: 4293

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

3. Signature date(s) (may vary for members in multilateral alliances):
July 20, 1992

4. Members of alliance (use COW country codes):
365 Russia
370 Belarus

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 valid for 5 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 renewed each time for one year if six months prior to the expiration of the period one of the Contracting Parties notifies with written notice the other Contracting Party of its intention to terminate the agreement.

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):
June 30, 1997
(Lexus Nexus: BBC Summary of World Broadcasts. July 1, 1997. "Yeltsin confirms completion of Strategic Missile Troops' withdrawal from Belarus")

Note: On June 30, 1997, the last unit of the Russian Strategic Forces withdrew from Belarus. Thus, this date can be coded as a termination date. A treaty signed right after the withdrawal of the Russian troops may confirm this. On December 19, 1997, Russia and Belarus signed a treaty of military cooperation and it states as follows:
Taking into account that the Treaty between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus on the coordination of activities in the military field of 20 July 1992 has been calculated for a transitional period - the time to create their own armed forces of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, its main provisions are implemented, and some of them require adjustments in connection with the recent changes in the relationship between the two countries (Preamble).

15. Describe what caused the alliance to terminate.

Fulfilled its goal

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.)

Neutrality Pact

Consultation Pact

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

18. Describe the obligations of the alliance partners.

“In the case of a third State committing an armed attack against one of the Contracting Party, the other Contracting Party undertakes not to provide military aid or whatever and not to support such a State or States for the duration of the continuation of the military conflict...” (Art. 2)[Neutrality]

“In the event of an attack against one of the Contracting Parties, or a threat of such an attack, the Contracting Parties shall consult each other on a bilateral basis and through the mechanisms provided for in multilateral instruments to which both Contracting Parties are a party.” (Art. 3) [consultation]

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.

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

Neutrality is contingent upon attack (see #18)

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.

“Neither of the Contracting Parties will not allow its territory to be used by a third country or third countries aimed at armed aggression or hostile activities against the other Contracting Party.” (Art. 2)

“In the case of a third State committing an armed attack against one of the Contracting Party, the other Contracting Party... will help to ensure that the conflict has been settled in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the documents of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.” (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:

Article 1 provides that military cooperation is temporary until Belarus can establish its own army.

Article 14 provides for the disbandment and withdrawal of the Russian Strategic Forces from Belarus.

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.

Yes.

Production and supply of arms and military equipment, operational and technical documentation, component elements, parts and accessories and other supplies (Art. 5)

Military training (Articles. 9 and 10)

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.

Yes. The Russian Strategic Forces temporarily stations in the territory of Belarus (Articles 1, 4, and 14)

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.

Both parties shall take concerted measures to avoid the possibility of unauthorized operation of the Strategic Forces (Art. 4).

Both parties cooperate in the export of military weapons and equipment to third countries (Art. 6).

Both parties coordinate their efforts for the exchange of military-technical information and the use of the radio spectrum (Art. 11).

Both parties cooperate in the implementation of air defense systems and cooperate for the exchange of information on the aerospace environment and action to provide assistance to aircraft in distress or lost orientation, suppression of theft or hijacking (Art 13).

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 – CIS as a framework of cooperation (Preamble); UN and Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) as a framework for peace and security (Art. 2).

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 – CIS and 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.

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.

Yes.

A separate agreement on the placement and operation of military units and facilities (regarding Russian Strategic Forces) (Art. 4)

A separate agreement on delivery of weapons, equipment, and other repair materials (Art. 5).

A separate agreement on areas and forms of cooperation for exports of military weapons (Art. 6).

A separate agreement on the planned financial and medical support for the troops, military transport and supply of fuels and lubricants (Art. 7).

A separate agreement on military training grounds (Art. 9).

A separate agreement on issues of training of military personnel and junior officers (Art. 10).

A separate agreement on the status of the existing airport network usage, and their air space, communication systems, etc of the Strategic Forces temporarily stationed in Belarus (Art. 12).

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: First draft coded by Iliya Atanasov from Russian. Original in Russian. Translated into English by using Google Translation website: <http://translate.google.com>

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

Treaty: Treaty of Coordination in the Military Field between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus

59. Treaty citation: Russian Bulletin of International Treaties. N 9, 1994.

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61. Coder: Iliya Atanasov, Jaewook Chung and Ashley Leeds (original) / Jae-eon Lee (review)