

Peter Rohn's Topic Thesaurus

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TOPICS

DETAILED, ANNOTATED LISTING

1. Diplomacy

Matters with long-range policy implications, normally decided at the chief-of-government level.

1ALLY Alliance

Description Military alliances, possibly including non-military matters.

See Also 1AMITY for friendship treaties

4MILIT for military aid

Examples

Mutual defense

1AMITY Amity

Description Friendship, general relations, and matters concerning more than one topic in the Topic Group.

See Also 1ALLY

Examples

Basic cooperation between two countries
Cooperation in culture, science, and technology
Friendship and cooperation
Science, technology and economic cooperation

1ARMCO Arms Control

Description Arms control and disarmament, including safeguards for operation of nuclear reactors.

See Also 1PEACE for termination of hostilities.

Examples

Application of nuclear safeguards
Application of safeguards to nuclear materials
Atomic energy standards
Limitation of strategic arms

1CHART UN Membership

Description Acceptance of obligations of UN charter.

See Also

Examples

Acceptance of UN charter
Adherence to UN charter

1DISPU Dispute Settlements

Description Formal procedural and substantive resolutions of legal and political controversies.

See Also

Examples

Establishment of arbitration board
Frontier dispute
Judicial settlements
Methods for negotiation/arbitration
Submission of dispute to ICJ
Negotiation guidelines

1ESTAB IGO Establishment

Description Establishment of an international government organization (IGO).

See Also 1HEAD for the establishment of a regional office of an already existing IGO.

Examples

Establishment of an agency/service/fund/group

1HEAD IGO Headquarters

Description Establishment of an IGO headquarters, and relations between it and the host country.

See Also

Examples

Establish a regional office/headquarters/field office

Legal status of office in host country

1OCCUP Military Occupation

Description Belligerent occupation.

See Also 1STATU for peacetime military forces in foreign countries.

Examples

Occupation conclusion

Occupation costs

Withdrawal of troops

1OPTC International Court of Justice Clause

Description Acceptance of compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice(ICJ).

Treaties entered under this topic are all *Unilateral*.

See Also

Examples

Acceptance of ICJ jurisdiction

1PEACE Peace/Armistice

Description Termination of war or hostilities.

See Also 1ARMCO

Examples

Amendment of peace treaty

Cessation of hostilities

Disengagement of forces

General armistice

1RECOG Diplomacy/Recognition

Description Diplomatic relations and recognition, independence of new states,

acceptance of treaty
obligations.

See Also

Examples

Establish diplomatic relations
Foreign policy cooperation
Inheritance of treaty rights and obligations
Recognition
Upgrade missions to embassies

1REPAR Reparations

Description Post-war reparation settlements. These are on a global or country-to-country level, and would often involve one country giving another country some lump sum of money to pay for damages.

See Also 3CLAIM for reparations to individuals within a country.

Examples

Compensation for property loss
Compensation of war victims
Settlement of war claims

1STATU Status of Forces

Description Peacetime status of foreign military forces.

See Also 1OCUP for military occupation

9MILMI for military missions

9PRIVI for military privileges

Examples

Stationing of military units
Transitional authority of the UN
UN Peacekeeping forces

1TERRI Territorial Limits

Description National land and water boundaries determined by political decisions.

See Also 9BOUND for boundary maintenance, for routine administrative matters.

Examples

Delimitation of continental shelf
Demarcation or delimitation of boundaries
Frontier agreement

1TRUST UN Trusteeship

Description Establishment or operation of a UN trusteeship. Does not involve money in trust.

See Also

Examples

Establishment of operation of UN trusteeship

2. Welfare

Matters falling broadly within the scope of government agencies in charge of labor, health, and welfare.

2HEW General Welfare

Description Matters concerning more than one topic in this group.

See Also

Examples

Social cooperation

2HUMAN Relief/Rescue

Description Humanitarian relief and rescue relating to shipwrecks, floods, earthquakes and other disasters. These involve short-term assistance for particular disasters that have occurred.

See Also 9ADMIN for disaster preparation in general

Examples

Coordination of disaster relief
Emergency food relief program
Relief supplies
Search and rescue cooperation

2LABOR Labor

Description Includes migratory labor, trade unions, and internships.

See Also 7EDUC for culture

4EDUC for educational aid

Examples

Exchange of student employees of workers

Migrant workers' regulations
Recruitment of workers
Temporary employment of workers
Trainee exchange
Workers' health of safety
Maternity leave

2NARK Narcotics Control

Description Control of illegal drug production and traffic.

See Also

Examples

Curbing of illicit drug production and traffic
Narcotics traffic

2REFUG Refugees

Description Refugees and repatriation.

See Also 9CITIZ

Examples

Housing of refugees
Movement of refugees
Protection of refugees
Repatriation of refugees

2SANIT Human Health

Description Disease control, public health, projects or techniques to aid public health and sanitation.

See Also 4MEDIC for medical aid.

Examples

Blood banks
Cooperation in health and medicine
Corpses
Project on food processing effects
Public health and medical research
Sanitation of meat exports
Sanitation of shellfish

2SECUR Social Security

Description Social security, retirements, old age benefits, disability, unemployment compensation.

See Also

Examples

Insurance of migrant workers
Old age insurance
Pension plan
Transfer of pension rights

2WOMEN Status of Women

Description Legal status of women and issues of women's equality.

See Also

Examples

White slave traffic
Women's legal rights
Women's voting rights

3. Economics

Matters that are primarily economic in the sense of traditional international trade and payments. But for aid-supported transactions, see 4. Aid.

3CLAIM Claims, Debts, Assets

Description Claims regarding particular debts and assets, mainly concerning retrospective settlement. *Claims for damages* are analogous to a US suit for damages.)

See Also 4AID

Examples

Claims for damages
Commercial debts
Consolidation of debts
Disposal of excess property
Release of assets
Repayment of loans
Transfer of assets
Unblocking of funds

3COMMO Raw Materials Trade

Description Trade in specific commodities, e. g. aluminum, cotton, rubber, fish, meat, phosphates, wool.

See Also 3PROD for finished goods trade

3TRADE for treaties about general trade

Examples

Cereals production and trade

Cheese

Long-term wheat agreement

Meat imports

Sale of vegetable oil

Sugar

3CUSTO Customs Duties

Description Custom rates and tariffs.

See Also

Examples

Customs concessions

Duty free quotas

Free ports and free zones

Goods in border traffic

Restriction and control of imports

Interim GATT (when it deals mostly with customs)

Mutual cooperation

3ECON Economic Cooperation

Description General economic cooperation and matters not covered elsewhere, or concerning more than one topic in Topic Group 3.

See Also

Examples

Economic relations

Financial cooperation

GATT

Joint stock transfers

Non-commercial payments

Economic, industrial, and/or technical cooperation

3INDUS Industry

Description Factories or entire industrial sectors.

See Also 8METAL for processing of metals as natural resources

Examples

- Construction of factory
- Cooperation in industrial sectors
- Industrial development
- Industrial property
- Light/heavy industries
- Mining industries

3INVES Investment Guarantee

Description General guarantees for protection of investments.

See Also 4LOAN for financial aid.

Examples

- Encouragement and protection of investments
- Foreign investment insurance
- Guarantees
- Investment promotion

3MOSTF Most Favored Nation Status

Description Traditional most-favored nation treatment as the main function of a treaty, rather than as an incidental clause.

See Also

Examples

- Free trade and preferential treatment
- Most favored nation treatments for ships/workers
- Waiver of MFN clause

3PATEN Patents and Copyrights

Description Patents, copyrights, trademarks, intellectual property.

See Also

Examples

- Inventions and trademarks
- Marks of origin
- Mutual copyright protection
- Trademark registration

3PAYMT Payments and Currency

Description Routine commercial payments and exchange rates.

See Also 3TRAPA for Trade and Payments

3CLAIM for commercial debts

Examples

Amortization
Banking
Currency movements and exchange rates
Deferred payments
Long-term payments
Minimum Sterling proportion
Settlement of financial questions/matters

3PROD Products and Equipment

Description Finished goods, industrial products, equipment, facilities, installations, commercial as well as military.

See Also 3TRADE for General Trade
4MILIT for military aid
8METAL for metallurgy as resources

Examples

Delivery of machinery/equipment
Import quotas for products
Mining equipment
Textiles trade

3TAXAT Taxation

Description Double taxation, tax exemptions, fiscal evasion

See Also

Examples

Avoidance of double taxation and fiscal evasion
Tax refund
Tax relief
Waiver of taxes

3TECH Technical Cooperation

Description Technical and scientific-technological cooperation and exchange between equally developed nations.

See Also 4TECA for Aid
7SCIEN under Culture

Examples

Cooperation in ice breaking technology

Data processing and teleprocessing
Industrial engineering and design
Scientific and technical cooperation
Textile engineering

3TOUR Tourism

Description Promotion of tourism.

See Also 9VISAS under Administration

Examples

Cooperation in tourism
Excursion traffic
Tourist exchanges
Tourist traffic

3TRADE General Trade

Description Trade not limited to any particular commodity.

See Also 3PROD for products or equipment

3COMMO for raw materials trade

3TRAPA for Trade and Payments

9CONSU for trade representation

Examples

Commerce
Commercial agreement
Exchange of goods
Import licenses
Long-term trade
Trade agreement
Trade fairs
Trade obstacles removed

3TRAPA Trade and Payments

Description Equal or similar emphasis on both.

See Also 3PAYMT for emphasis on payment

3TRADE for emphasis on trade

Examples

Barter and payments
Commerce and finance
Commodities exchange and payments

Exchange of goods and payments
Long-term trade and payments

4. Aid

Non-commercial transfers of goods, capital, or services.

4AGRIC Food or Agricultural Aid

Description Aid for foodstuffs, fertilizers, and agricultural products, equipment, and techniques. These projects are typically short-term: they have a limited lifespan.

See Also 4RESOU for long-term projects, such as irrigation.

8AGRIC for non-aid resource situations.

Examples

Agricultural development
Agricultural sector projects
Assistance from World Food program
Cattle-fattening
Cereals improvement
Crop projects
Fertilizer projects
Livestock projects
Sale of agricultural commodities (between developed and developing countries)
Seed project
Small farmer training
Tree crops

4AID Unspecified Aid

Description Aid concerning more than one topic in topic group, or which does not fall into other topics.

See Also 4LOAN for financial cooperation between developed and developing countries, or if the treaty explicitly specifies a loan.

Examples

Aid for imports
Aid from A.I.D.
Cold storage

Contributions to UNIDO
Economic stability
Financial assistance
Grant for economic development
Grassroots development initiative
Maintenance grant
Multisector project
Public enterprise
Solidarity aid
Standard basic assistance
UNDP assistance

4ATOM Atomic Energy Aid

Description Aid for peaceful use of nuclear energy.

See Also 8ENERG for energy topics in general.

1ARMCO for control of nuclear reactors

Examples

Assistance in atomic reactor project
Assistance in supply of materials
Atomic power plant construction
Grant for nuclear research training equipment
Technical assistance in atomic energy

4EDUC Educational Aid

Description Aid for academic and vocational training.

See Also 7EDUC for exchange programs and cooperative projects

Examples

Adult literacy
Establish college/university/school/technical institute
School feeding program
School uniforms
Teacher training
Training of skilled labor

4LOAN Financial Aid

Description Loans and other repayable financial aid, including World Bank

projects; financial cooperation between developed and developing nations. Loans for purposes represented by other topics are classified under those topics, e.g. 4MILIT for loans for military equipment.

See Also 3INVES, 3CLAIM

Examples

Loans or credit for economic cooperation, economic development, structural adjustment, or specifically described projects.

Earthquake reconstruction

Financial management

Industrial finance

Private enterprise project

Rural credit

Small/medium enterprise project

Urban project

4MEDIC Medical Aid

Description Aid for hospital construction and equipment, as well as organization of public health services.

See Also 2HUMAN is cases of disasters.

Examples

Basic health services

Disease control

Family planning/contraception program

Health education/research

Health sector loan

Insect control

Medical center construction

Nursing project

Population control

4MILIT Military Aid

Description Aid for military supplies, equipment, training.

See Also 9MILMI, 1ALLY

Examples

Airbase construction

Aircraft/vessel loan

Military assistance
Production of defense equipment
Technical military cooperation
Training of forces in a developed country

4PCOR Peace Corps or other Volunteers

Description American Peace Corps and similar volunteer services of donor countries, e.g. European volunteers, Japanese volunteers.

See Also

Examples

Development volunteers
Peace corps
Country *X* volunteers

4RESOU Resources Aid

Description Aid for the build-up of infrastructures to develop national resources.

See Also Topics under **8. Resources**, for analogs in non-aid contexts.

Examples

Dam project
Environmental protection
Fisheries project
Flood control and drainage project
Highway project
Irrigation project
Low income housing
Petroleum exploration
Port project
Power project
Regional railways
River transport
Social forestry
Telecommunications project
Urban transport project
Water supply project

4TECA Technical Assistance

Description Non-financial aid through advisory services for modernization, chiefly short-term assistance projects. Do not use this topic for development

credits. Between

IGO/developed nation and developing nation.

See Also 3TECH for economic projects

7SCIEN

9ADMIN for programs between UK and former colonies

Examples

Associate experts to IGOs or UN

Operation and executive personnel

Scientific and technical cooperation (between a developed and developing nation)

Technical advisory assistance

Technical assistance

4UNICE UNICEF Aid

Description Aid involving UN Children's Fund.

5. Transport

All forms of transportation by air, land, or water, including related infrastructures, e.g. ports, bridges, tunnels, navigation control facilities..

5AIR Air Transport

Description Air services, airlines, airports, landing rights.

See Also

Examples

Air route/schedule changes

Air traffic rights

Air transport

Airworthiness certificates

Civil air transport

Establish air services

Flight inspections

5LAND Land Transport

Description Road and rail transport including passengers, freight, bridges, tunnels.

See Also

Examples

Border railways
Channel tunnel negotiations
Continued railroad construction
International road transport
Recognition of driving permits/licenses
Road traffic

5TRANS General Transport

Description Matters concerning more than one topic in this topic group.

See Also**Examples**

Transport company stock
Transport cooperation
Transport of goods
Transportation of goods and passengers
Water and air transport

5WATER Water Transport

Description Ocean, lake, river transport including passengers, freight, ports.

See Also**Examples**

Canal maintenance
Dredging
Ferry service
Ice breaking
Joint shipping service
Lighthouses
Maritime navigation

Maritime rights
Maritime transport
Measuring tonnage
Merchant marines
Omega navigation monitoring factory
Pilotage
Recognition of tonnage certificates of ships

Use of ports and waters

6. Communications

Transmission of mail and other information by traditional as well as electronic means.

6COMMU Communications

Description General communications; matters concerning more than one topic in topic group.

See Also

Examples

Communication facilities
Communications cooperation
Post and telegraph
Teleinformatics

6MEDIA Mass Media

Description Newspapers, radio, television, exchange of newsreels.

See Also 6TELCO for amateur radio operations

Examples

Assignment of TV channels
Cooperation between news agencies
Exchange of newsreels
Financial cooperation for radio stations
Journalist associations
Mass media cooperation
Radio and TV broadcasting cooperation

6POST Postal Services

Description Rates and handling procedures for letters, parcels, and postal money orders.

See Also

Examples

Exchange of money orders
Exchange of postal parcels

Express mail service
Military air mail
Parcel post
Postal rates
Subscriptions to newspapers/magazines

6TELCO Telecommunications

Description Telephone and telegraph services, construction and operation of radar stations, allocation of frequencies.

See Also

Examples

Amateur radio operations
Embassy telecommunications
Exchange of radio specialists
High capacity microwave links
Radio channels in XMHz band
Telegraph rates
Undersea cable

7. Culture

Exchanges and joint programs in cultural fields, broadly defined.

7CULT Culture

Description Theater, opera, ballet, films, books, sports; as well as matters concerning more than one topic in this topic group.

See Also

Examples

Archives transfer
Artist exchange
Exhibition of art treasures
Fairs and exhibitions
Film relations

Import of books and films

Libraries
Museum cooperation
Temple preservation
Writers/artists associations
Youth and sports matters

7EDUC Education

Description Student and teacher exchange, joint schools and programs, equivalence of degrees and diplomas, cooperation in educational projects. Primary emphasis on teachers/students from kindergarten to Ph.D.

See Also 4EDUC for educational aid.

Examples

Academies of science
Cooperation between universities
Cooperation in higher education
Education abroad
Educational exchanges
Status of schools
Student placement
Teacher training

7RELIG Religion

Description Not limited to any particular religion, but with religion as the primary focus of the treaty.

See Also

Examples

Appointment of bishops
Church jurisdiction
Concordat
Separation of diocese
Status of church property

7SCIEN Science and Technology

Description Research programs and exchanges in science and technology, weather stations, earth and ocean observations, cooperation between academies of science.

See Also 3TECH for economic aspects of scientific and technical cooperation

4TECA for technical assistance
7SPACE for space exploration
8ENERG for nuclear research or information

Examples

Antarctic cooperation
Balloon launching
Bird research
Global weather experiments
Oceanic research
Remote sensing
Scientific and technical cooperation (between academies of science)
Seismic research facility

7SEMIN Seminars and Conferences

Description UN sponsored and other seminars and conferences on specific issues. Typically treaties between the UN group and a host country.

See Also

Examples

Arrangements for meetings
Interregional symposia
Preparatory meetings
UN Conference
UN Study tour
Workshops/consultations

7SPACE Space Exploration and Research

Description Peaceful uses of outer space and related space technology, including satellites and orbital stations.

See Also 7SCIEN

Examples

Cooperation in outer space activities
Relations between space agencies
Satellite launches
Space vehicle tracking
Tracking and telemetry network
Tracking stations

8. Resources

Various programs that concern mainly the development and use of natural resources. But see also 4RESOU.

8AGRIC Agriculture

Description Fertilizer, experimental programs, pest and disease control, quarantine.

See Also 4AGRIC

Examples

- Agricultural cooperation
- Agricultural machinery
- Agricultural research
- Insect eradication
- Phytosanitation
- Plant diseases
- Plant protection and quarantine

8CATTL Cattle or Fowl

Description Veterinary matters, vaccination, health certificates, crossboundary grazing, migratory birds.

See Also

Examples

- Animal health
- Border grazing
- Cattle vaccines
- Cattle-breeding project
- Epizootics
- Migratory birds
- Reindeer pastures
- Veterinary sanitation
- Zoo sanitation

8ENERG Energy

Description All forms of energy.

See Also 4ATOM for atomic energy aid

4RESOU for resources aid

Examples

Deep sea drilling

Energy research and development

Fast breeder reactors

Geothermal/hydroelectric projects

Information on nuclear installations

Natural gas

Notification of nuclear accidents

Nuclear research and information

Oil pipeline

Peaceful uses of nuclear energy

Radioactive waste storage/management

Transfer of enriched uranium

8ENVIR Environment or Ecology

Description Pollution control, wildlife protection by species or region, water quality, environmental

improvement.

See Also

Examples

Combat desertification

Experimental animals

Fund for pollution damage

Hazardous waste materials

Lake water quality

Park creation

Pet protection

Protect ozone layer

Sewage sludge processing

8FISH Fisheries

Description Fish and all other living marine animals as resources.
Conditions and zones of conservation and harvesting.

See Also 3COMMO for fish as a traded commodity rather than a living resource.

Examples

Fisheries

Fisheries inspection

Fishing industries

Fishing regulations

Fishing relations

Fishing zones

Long-line fishing

Marine environment cooperation

Shrimp fishing

8METAL Metallurgy

Description Mining and processing of metals as natural resources.

See Also 3INDUS or 3PROD for mining equipment or mining industries.

4RESOU under Aid.

Examples

Cooperation in metallurgy

Deep seabed mining

Metals exploration

Mineral resources research

8WATER Water

Description Multiple use of water, e.g. irrigation, power, drinking.

See Also

Examples

Dam construction

Flood control

River management
Sharing of river water
Waste disposal
Water quality monitoring
Water supply

8WOOD Wood or Forestry

Description Forestry management, reforestation, logging, fire protection.

See Also 4RESOU for Aid.

Examples

Forest fire protection
Reforestation and forest regulation
Silviculture

9. Administration

Routine administrative matters incidental to, or independent of non-routine political treaties. But see also 1. Diplomacy.

9ADMIN Administration

Description Routine matters that don't fit into any other Topic or that concern more than one Topic in this Topic Group. Arrangements between IGOs to handle projects.

See Also

Examples

Basic cooperation involving an IGO
Employment of dependents of government officials
Employment of official government employees
Exchange of official publications
Memorandum of understanding
Mutual assistance in case of disasters
Programs between UK and former colonies

Public affairs
UK officers in former colonies

9BOUND Boundary Maintenance

Description Physical maintenance and marking of borders, e.g. bridges, tunnels, checkpoints, mapping.

See Also 1TERR as well as Topics in Topic Group 5: **Transport**.

Examples

Cooperation in frontier areas

9CITIZ Nationality or Aliens

Description Immigration, citizenship, nationality, minorities, military service requirements.

See Also 2REFUG for repatriation.

Examples

Assisted migration

Dual nationality

Military obligations of dual citizen

Residence requirements

9CONSU Consulates

Description Consular matters including functions, buildings. Also includes business being transacted at

the diplomat/consul level.

See Also

Examples

Consular convention

Consular relations

Diplomatic pouches

Trade representation

9LEGAL Legal Procedures

Description Judicial assistance, enforcement of civil and criminal judgements.

See Also 9XTRAD

Examples

- Alimony
- Child support
- Civil liability for nuclear damage
- Enforcement of maintenance order (alimony)
- Execution of sentences
- Hijacking
 - International access to justice
- Legal procedures
- Letters rogatory
- Marriage requirements
- Torture and other punishments
- Transfer of inmates

9MILIT Military Procedures

Description Routine military cooperation between equivalent countries

See Also 9MILMI

1STATU

Examples

- Atomic energy for mutual defense
- Defense cooperation
- Exchange of military information and personnel
- Loan or lease of vessels and equipment
- Military development and research
- Military hospitals
- Military industrial cooperation
- Military-unit exchange
- Naval visits
- Pilot training
- Prefinancing of NATO projects
- Protection of classified information

Security of military information

Storage of defense materials

War graves

9MILMI Military Missions

Description Permanent military missions.

See Also 9MILIT, 9PRIVI, 4MILIT, 1STATU

Examples

Air force mission

Establishment of permanent operation location

Naval mission

Renew/extend mission

Status of mission

9PRIVI Privileges and Immunities

Description Diplomatic immunities of governments and international organizations.

See Also 9MILIT, 9MILMI, 9CONSU, 1STATU

Examples

Consular privileges

Customs immunity for diplomats

Diplomatic baggage

Legal status of IGO

Status of a delegation

9VISAS Visas and Passports

Description Visas and visa fees, regulation of movement of persons and goods across borders.

See Also 3TOUR

Examples

Abolition of visas

Border controls

Diplomatic service passports
Frontier traffic
Movement of persons
Movement/acceptance/admission of persons at borders
Road and rail checkpoints
UN laissez - passer

9XTRAD Extradition

Description Extradition and deportation.

See Also 9LEGAL for other judicial enforcement measures.

Examples

Deportation
Extradition of criminals
Fugitives from justice
Removal of undesirable persons