ICB Domains Codebook

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For use with the ICB2, Actor-Level Dataset – July 2010 (http://www.cidcm.umd.edu/icb)

Unit of observation: The crisis-actor, e.g. RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR I - Russian Federation

Number of observations: 455 Crises, 1000 Crises-Actors

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| Variable | Variable Description (Value Type) |
| crisis\_name | Crisis name, taken from the ICB2 actor dataset. (String) |
| crisno | Crisis number, taken from the ICB2 actor dataset. (Integer) |
| actor | Three letter country code for the crisis actor, taken from the ICB2 actor dataset. (String) |
| country | Modern full name of the country for the crisis actor. (String) |
| cracid | Actor id code, taken from the ICB2 actor dataset. (Integer) |
| interact\_escalate\_domains | Where did this interaction occur?” This describes the type of location where the interaction occurred. Note that this does not refer to what was used during the interaction, but instead where the interaction happened. More than one answer may be chosen. For events where the domain is unclear, like diplomatic events, no domain was entered. Domains are most important for military/conflict events. (String with values separated by “;“) |
| domain\_Air | The interaction occurred in the air. *"Nationalist China's response, on 7 September, took the form of air strikes against the Chinese mainland."* (Logical) |
| domain\_Land | The interaction occurred on the dry portion of the earth’s surface like a continent. *"Throughout that year the Communists gradually achieved control over the mainland."* (Logical) |
| domain\_Sea | The interaction occurred in the ocean. *"The U.S. responded with a decision on the 20th to blockade all offensive military equipment en route to Cuba."* (Logical) |
| domain\_WMD | Nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons. For WMD events, the physical domain (land, sea, air, space, etc) where the WMD interaction occurred is included in the data in addition to the presence/existence of WMDs. *"The crisis escalated further when, on 25 October, a Soviet freighter arrived in Alexandria reportedly carrying nuclear weapons."* (Logical) |
| interact\_ escalate\_units | (String with values separated by “;“) “What type of military units were involved in the interaction?” |
| unit\_Aircraft\_Carriers | Large naval vessel designed as a mobile air base from which aircraft can takeoff and land.  *"On the 12th the U.S. responded by deciding to send the Seventh Fleet to the area and appealing to the UN. On 2 December 1954 a defense treaty was signed between the U.S. and Taiwan, by which time the PRC had ceased the bombardment, ending Taiwan's first crisis."* (Logical) |
| unit\_Armor | Armored vehicles such as tanks or humvees. *"The latter responded on 1 September by dispatching an armored column across the cease-fire line in southern Kashmir."* (Logical) |
| unit\_Artillery | Large caliber weapons for discharging missiles like cannons and missile launchers.  *"On 3 September 1954 the PRC bombarded the Nationalist-held offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu."* (Logical) |
| unit\_Bombers | Military aircraft designed to attack ground and sea targets.  *"The German response was immediate: wherever they encountered Allied troops they fought back, hoping to prevent a firm Allied foothold on the Normandy coast."* (Logical) |
| unit\_Chemical | Chemical Weapon using toxic chemicals like nerve gas, tear gas, or pepper spray. (Logical) |
| unit\_Fighters | Military aircraft designed for air-to-air combat. *"And on 1 May the Battle of Berlin began."* (Logical) |
| unit\_Missiles | Precision-guided munitions, typically discharged from ground or sea units. *"The U.S. crisis was triggered on 16 October when the CIA presented to President Kennedy photographic evidence of the presence of Soviet missiles in Cuba."* (Logical) |
| unit\_Nuclear | Nuclear Weapon using atomic power in the form of fission or fusion nuclear reactors. (Logical) |
| unit\_Submarines | Warship that operates underneath the surface of the water.  *"The U.S. responded with a decision on the 20th to blockade all offensive military equipment en route to Cuba."* (Logical) |
| unit\_Surface Ships | Warship that operates on the surface of the water..  *"In the meantime two Dutch navy destroyers were dispatched to reinforce troops already in the New Guinea area."* (Logical) |
| unit\_Surveillance | Military aircraft used to collect information and intelligence.  *“At the same time he warned Washington that U-2 reconnaissance flights over Cuba must be stopped as well.”* (Logical) |
| unit\_Troops | Individual human soldiers or units of soldiers. *"On 27 July, four battalions of the Pakistan National Guard were sent to reinforce the Pakistani army on the border."* (Logical) |

**Notes**

1. Both domains and units were coded as true for an actor within a crisis if:
   1. The actor was ever observed operating in that domain/with those units
   2. Only for physical acts, that were escalatory
   3. Against any other entity, not necessarily against the opposing target of the crisis or against other state actors listed.
2. Missing values are handed in the following ways:
   1. There are no genuinely missing values in this set, every crisis-actor was reviewed for potential domains and units.
   2. Blank empty strings reflect no domain or unit having been coded for that actor.
3. A negative coding, a participant with no domain or unit coding, should be interpreted as a soft rather than hard coding.
   1. Actions performed by a supra-national entity, e.g. an alliance or international institution, will not necessarily be attributed to member country. For crisis 430, Kosovo, the U.S. is shown to have engaged with bombers, but other NATO members who might have contributed assets to the air campaign were not.
   2. A state might have engaged in moves involving a domain or unit but that were deescalatory in nature (e.g. a withdrawal), or diplomacy (mentioning in a correspondence).
4. Two additional domains were made available to coders, but neither were selected as escalatory acts by any of the actors in this set of crises.
   1. Space- Beyond the earth’s atmosphere.
   2. Cyber- Where communication over computer networks occurs.
5. Two additional units were made available to coders, but neither were selected as escalatory acts by any of the actors in this set of crises.
   1. Satellites - Man-made object that orbits around the earth.
   2. Biological - Weapon using living organisms or biological toxins like bacteria, viruses, or fungi.