

## Readme file for the onset dataset

When using the dataset, please refer to the latest presentation of the data: *Harbom, Lotta & Peter Wallensteen, 2012 - "Armed Conflict, 1989-2011, Journal of Peace Research 49(4)* as well as the original citation for the data: *Gleditsch, Nils Petter, Peter Wallensteen, Mikael Eriksson, Margareta Sollenberg, and Håvard Strand. 2002. "Armed Conflict 1946-2001: A New Dataset." Journal of Peace Research 39(5).*

Please consult the codebook for the *UCDP/PRIO Armed Conflict Dataset v.4-2012, 1946-2011* at: <http://www.pcr.uu.se/research/ucdp/datasets/> for information on definitions not provided here.

The onset dataset contains annual observations of all states in the international system, as defined by Gleditsch and Ward (1999) between 1946 and 2011. We have added two country years for Hyderabad in 1946 and 1947.

The dataset contains all internal and internationalized internal armed conflicts (type 3 and 4) in the UCDP/PRIO Armed Conflict Dataset. The conflicts are located according to the government side in the conflict.

The file is available as a STATA file as well as in a plain ASCII CSV file (fields separated by , (comma), rows terminated by \n (standard UNIX/MacOS row end). The CSV file can be opened and read by Microsoft Excel with no set-up what-so-ever required (just by clicking on it).

### The file contains the following variables:

year: Year of observation.

gwno: Gleditsch-Ward country codes.

incidencev412: Incidence of intrastate conflict. Coded 1 in all country-years with at least one active conflict.

newconflictinyearv412: Coded 1 if the country-year contains a new conflict (not a new episode of conflict).

onset1v412: Onset of an intrastate armed conflict, >25 battle deaths. Coded as 1 if this is a new conflict or there is more than one year since the last observation of the conflict.

onset2cv412: Onset of an intrastate armed conflict, >25 battle deaths. Coded as 1 if this is a new conflict or there is more than two years since the last observation of the conflict.

onset5cv412: Onset of an intrastate armed conflict, >25 battle deaths. Coded as 1 if this is a new conflict or there is more than five years since the last observation of the conflict.

onset8cv412: Onset of an intrastate armed conflict, >25 battle deaths. Coded as 1 if this is a new conflict or there is more than eight years since the last observation of the conflict.

onset20cv412: Onset of an intrastate armed conflict, >25 battle deaths. Coded as 1 if this is a new conflict or there is more than twenty years since the last observation of the conflict.

maxintyearv412: The intensity level in the country-year. Two different intensity levels are coded. 1: minor armed conflict (>25 deaths) 2: war (>1000). When there are several active conflicts in country-year, the variable codes the conflict with the highest intensity level.

govonlyv412: Coded 1 if the only active conflict in this country-year is over Government. (Note: there can only be one conflict over the Government incompatibility in a country in a given year.)

terronlyv412: Coded 1 if all active conflicts in this country-year are over Territory. (Note: there may be one or more contested Territory incompatibilities in a country in a given year.)

bothgovterr412: Coded 1 if both Government and Territory are actively contested in this country-year.

sumconfv412: The number of active armed conflicts in this country-year.