United Arab Emirates & Malta

−15

Distant

Relationship index, −100 to +100. Votes and security run from −100 to +100; trade and shared clubs from 0 to 100.

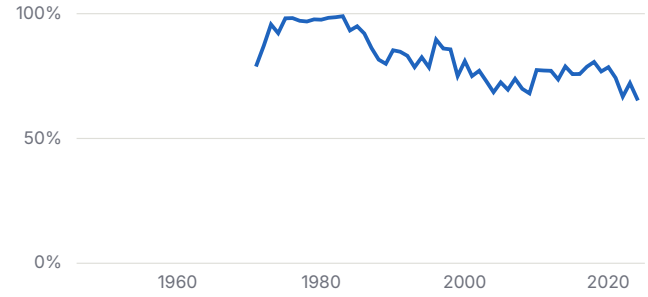
UN votes	−54
Trade	20
Security	0
Shared clubs	0

IN SHORT

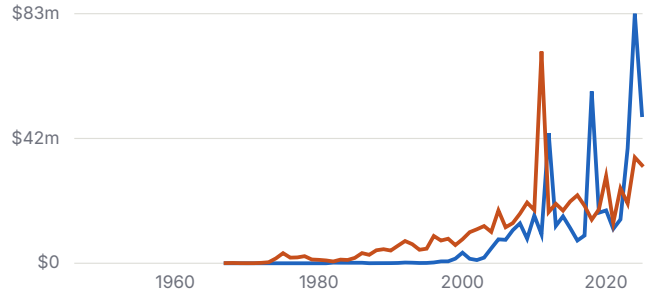
- At the UN their vote agreement is 68% (2022–2024), lower than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($87 million a year) is a very small part of either country's trade, under 0.5%.
- 130 people born in the United Arab Emirates live in Malta (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



Goods exports each way (US dollars)



United Arab Emirates sells to Malta Malta sells to United Arab Emirates

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on Middle East (95% of votes the same), furthest apart on human rights (57%), against 76% on all votes since 2010.

All roll-call votes	76%	(1464 votes)
Disarmament	78%	(179 votes)
Middle East	95%	(193 votes)
Human rights	57%	(249 votes)
Colonialism	83%	(98 votes)
Nuclear weapons	77%	(200 votes)
Economic development	74%	(94 votes)

Bar: since 2010. Mark: all years. Share of roll-call votes on whole texts cast the same way, counted vote by vote; an abstention against a yes counts as a difference. Disarmament, colonialism and economic development count votes up to 2018.

THE FACTS

UN votes	At the UN, the vote agreement of the United Arab Emirates and Malta was 68% in 2022–2024. For the United Arab Emirates, Malta is the 51st most distant voting partner out of 191; for Malta, the United Arab Emirates is the 39th most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $87 million a year in 2023–2025: less than 0.1% of all the United Arab Emirates' trade and 0.3% of Malta's.
Words	Since 1946, the United Arab Emirates has named Malta in 1 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Malta has named the United Arab Emirates in 2.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	130 people born in the United Arab Emirates live in Malta (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met once.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	271 shared votes on whole texts in 2022–2024, the years the headline share covers. With that many, a share is good to about ±6 points.
Trade	**High**	Goods trade is reported in 3 of the 3 years 2023–2025. Goods only, from customs data (IMF); services and energy pipelines are not in it.
Security	**High**	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program covers every state up to 2025. It counts only conflicts with at least 25 battle deaths a year.
Shared clubs	**High**	The list of tracked groups is fixed; membership is checked by hand.
Index	**High**	As sure as the weaker of its two required parts, votes and trade. Security and shared clubs add to it but never make it surer.

SOURCES AND HOW TO CITE

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