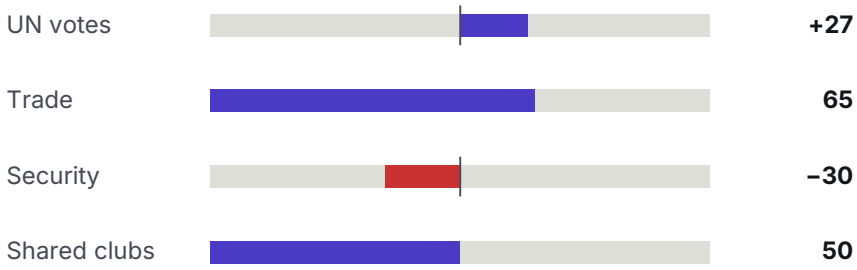
DR Congo & Uganda

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Neutral

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

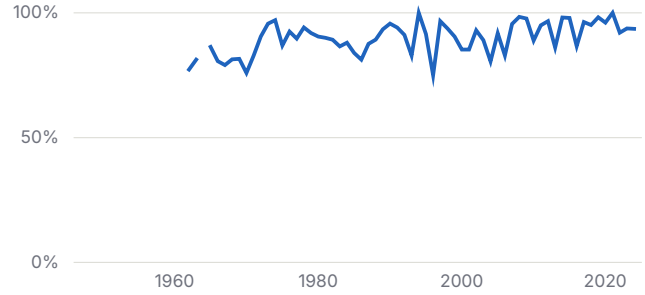


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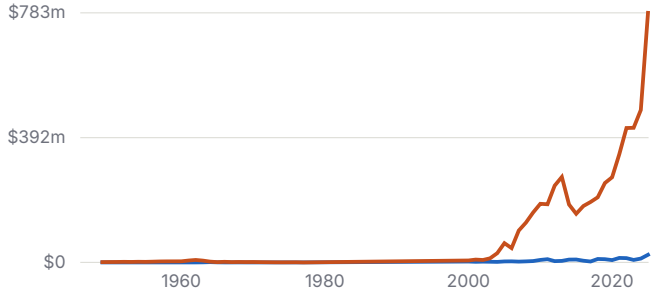
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides of the conflict in DR Congo, with Uganda supporting another party, most recently in 2012.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 93% (2022–2024), higher than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($576 million a year) is important for Uganda, less so for the DR Congo.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Uganda names the DR Congo more often than the reverse (72 sentences against 38).
- 637,000 people born in the DR Congo live in Uganda (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved). A separate count, by UNHCR: 649,000 refugees and asylum seekers from the DR Congo in Uganda; the two counts measure different things and are not added up.

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way

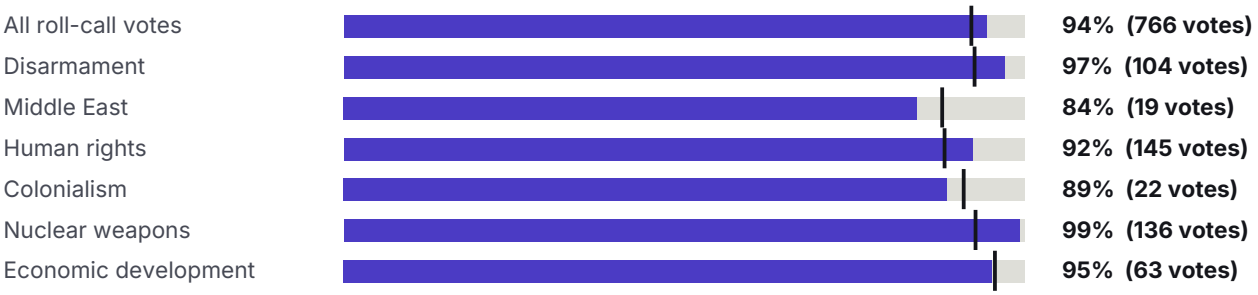


Goods exports each way (US dollars)



DR Congo sells to Uganda Uganda sells to DR Congo

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)



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 DR Congo and Uganda was 93% in 2022–2024. For the DR Congo, Uganda is the 74th closest voting partner out of 191; for Uganda, the DR Congo is the 67th closest partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $576 million a year in 2023–2025: 1.3% of all the DR Congo's trade and 3.6% of Uganda's.
Words	Since 1946, the DR Congo has named Uganda in 38 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Uganda has named the DR Congo in 72.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them on opposite sides of armed conflict, one of them supporting another party (DR Congo, 1997–2012).
People	637,000 people born in the DR Congo live in Uganda and 6,800 born in Uganda live in the DR Congo (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 16 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	176 shared votes on whole texts in 2022–2024, the years the headline share covers. With that many, a share is good to about ±7 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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