Cyprus & Somalia

−14

Distant

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

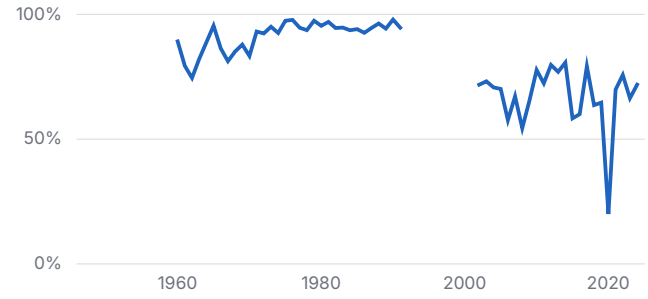
UN votes	−41
Trade	0
Security	0
Shared clubs	0

IN SHORT

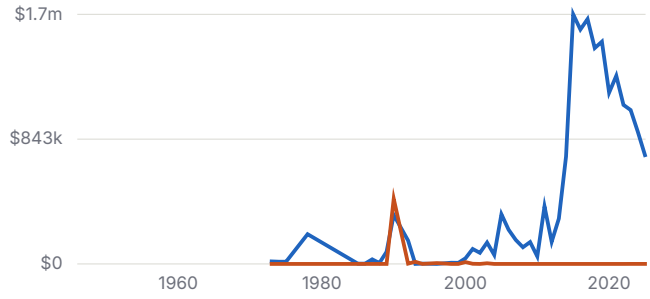
- At the UN their vote agreement is 71% (2022–2024), lower than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($890 thousand a year) is a very small part of either country's trade, under 0.5%.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Somalia names Cyprus far more often than the reverse (18 sentences against 2).
- 8 people born in Somalia live in Cyprus (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved). A separate count, by UNHCR: 2,100 refugees and asylum seekers from Somalia in Cyprus; 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)



Cyprus sells to Somalia Somalia sells to Cyprus

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on Middle East (96% of votes the same), furthest apart on human rights (55%), against 75% on all votes since 2010.

All roll-call votes	75% (846 votes)
Disarmament	74% (92 votes)
Middle East	96% (123 votes)
Human rights	55% (199 votes)
Colonialism	79% (65 votes)
Nuclear weapons	71% (78 votes)
Economic development	85% (52 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 Cyprus and Somalia was 71% in 2022–2024. For Cyprus, Somalia is the 60th most distant voting partner out of 191; for Somalia, Cyprus is the 54th most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $890 thousand a year in 2023–2025: less than 0.1% of all Cyprus' trade and less than 0.1% of Somalia's.
Words	Since 1946, Cyprus has named Somalia in 2 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Somalia has named Cyprus in 18.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	8 born in Somalia live in Cyprus (2024, UN DESA).

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	179 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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