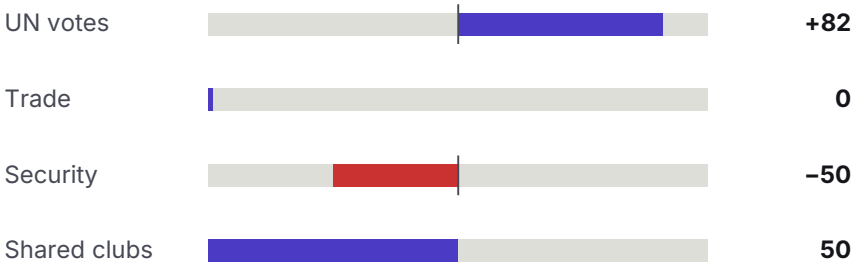
Eritrea & Ethiopia

Independence, a border war, and a 2018 peace deal for which Ethiopia's prime minister won the Nobel Peace Prize.

+21

Neutral

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

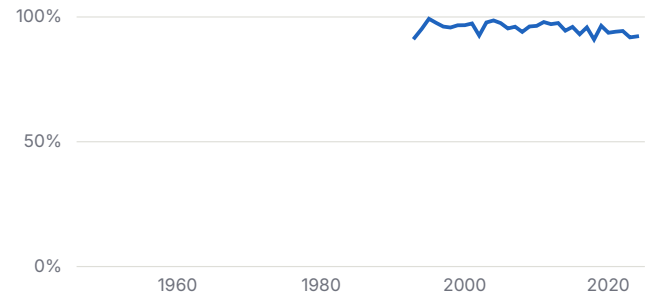


IN SHORT

- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides, as main parties, most recently in 2016.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 93% (2022–2024), among the highest either of them has with any country.
- Trade in goods ($34 thousand a year) is a very small part of either country's trade, under 0.5%.
- At the UN they name each other about equally often (219 and 178 sentences).
- 177,000 people born in Eritrea live in Ethiopia (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved). A separate count, by UNHCR: 170,000 refugees and asylum seekers from Eritrea in Ethiopia; the two counts measure different things and are not added up.

OVER TIME

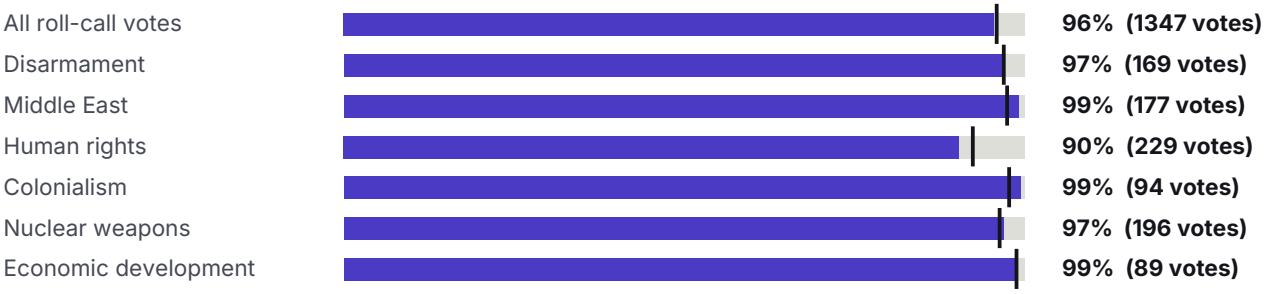
Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



Goods exports each way (US dollars)



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 Eritrea and Ethiopia was 93% in 2022–2024. For Eritrea, Ethiopia is the 14th closest voting partner out of 191; for Ethiopia, Eritrea is the 22nd closest partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $34 thousand a year in 2023–2025: less than 0.1% of all Eritrea's trade and less than 0.1% of Ethiopia's.
Words	Since 1946, Eritrea has named Ethiopia in 219 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Ethiopia has named Eritrea in 178.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them on opposite sides of armed conflict (Eritrea, Ethiopia, 1998–2016).
People	177,000 people born in Eritrea live in Ethiopia and 84 born in Ethiopia live in Eritrea (2024, UN DESA).

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	260 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.

MOMENTS (EDITORIAL CONTEXT, NEVER PART OF A SCORE)

1993	Eritrea becomes independent
1998	Border war (until 2000)
2018	Peace declaration

SOURCES AND HOW TO CITE

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