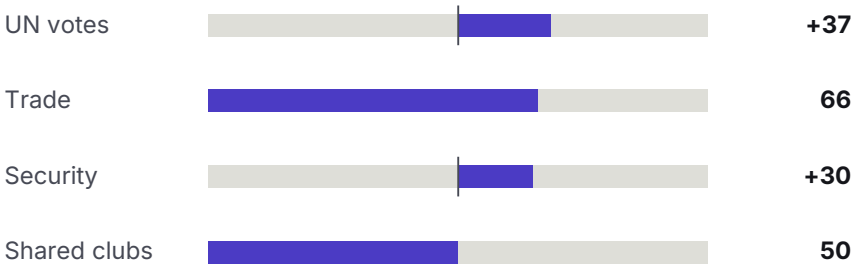
Ethiopia & Somalia

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Close

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

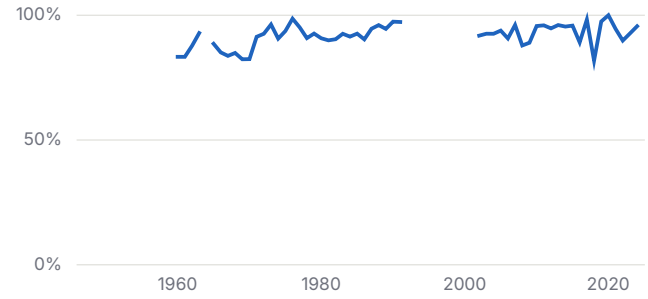


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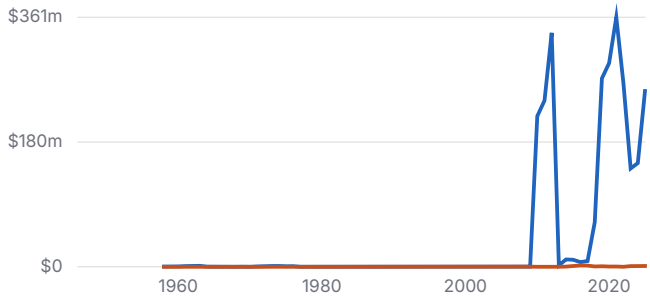
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides, as main parties, most recently in 1980.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 93% (2022–2024), higher than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($183 million a year) is important for Somalia, less so for Ethiopia.
- At the UN they name each other about equally often (256 and 181 sentences).
- 389,000 people born in Somalia live in Ethiopia (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved). A separate count, by UNHCR: 362,000 refugees and asylum seekers from Somalia in Ethiopia; the two counts measure different things and are not added up.

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way

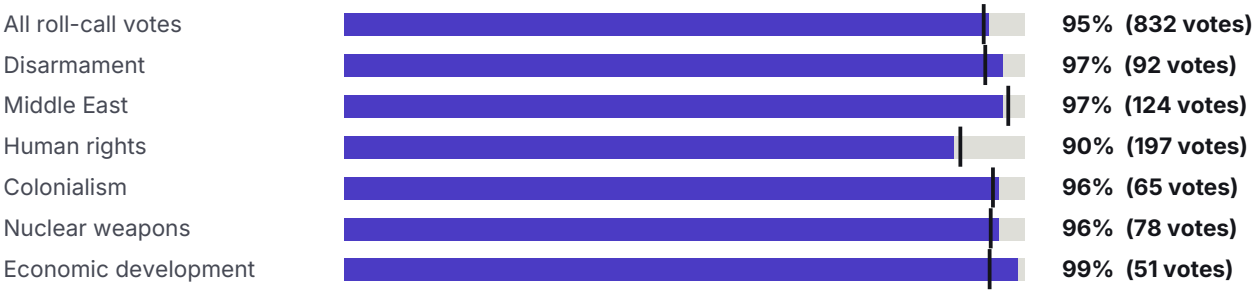


Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Ethiopia sells to Somalia Somalia sells to Ethiopia

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 Ethiopia and Somalia was 93% in 2022–2024. For Ethiopia, Somalia is the 25th closest voting partner out of 191; for Somalia, Ethiopia is the 96th most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $183 million a year in 2023–2025: 1.1% of all Ethiopia's trade and 3.8% of Somalia's.
Words	Since 1946, Ethiopia has named Somalia in 256 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Somalia has named Ethiopia in 181.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them on opposite sides of armed conflict (Ethiopia, Somalia, 1964–1980).
People	29,000 people born in Ethiopia live in Somalia and 389,000 born in Somalia live in Ethiopia (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 8 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	174 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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