Finland & South Sudan

−19

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	0
Security	0
Shared clubs	0

IN SHORT

- At the UN their vote agreement is 64% (2022–2024), lower than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($81 thousand a year) is a very small part of either country's trade, under 0.5%.
- 11 people born in South Sudan live in Finland (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved). A separate count, by UNHCR: 7 refugees and asylum seekers from South Sudan in Finland; 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)



Finland sells to South Sudan South Sudan sells to Finland

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on disarmament (75% of votes the same), furthest apart on human rights (50%), against 65% on all votes since 2010.

All roll-call votes	65% (645 votes)
Disarmament	75% (44 votes)
Middle East	65% (105 votes)
Human rights	50% (135 votes)
Colonialism	69% (48 votes)
Nuclear weapons	66% (61 votes)
Economic development	67% (38 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 Finland and South Sudan was 64% in 2022–2024. For Finland, South Sudan is the 65th most distant voting partner out of 191; for South Sudan, Finland is the 25th most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $81 thousand a year in 2023–2025: less than 0.1% of all Finland's trade and less than 0.1% of South Sudan's.
Words	Since 1946, Finland has named South Sudan in 2 sentences of its General Debate speeches; South Sudan has named Finland in 0.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	11 born in South Sudan live in Finland (2024, UN DESA).

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**Medium**	138 shared votes on whole texts in 2022–2024, the years the headline share covers. With that many, a share is good to about ±8 points.
Trade	**Medium**	Goods trade is reported in 2 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	**Medium**	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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