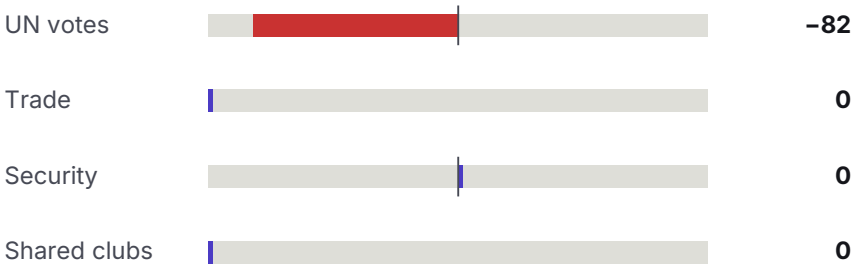
France & North Korea

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Distant

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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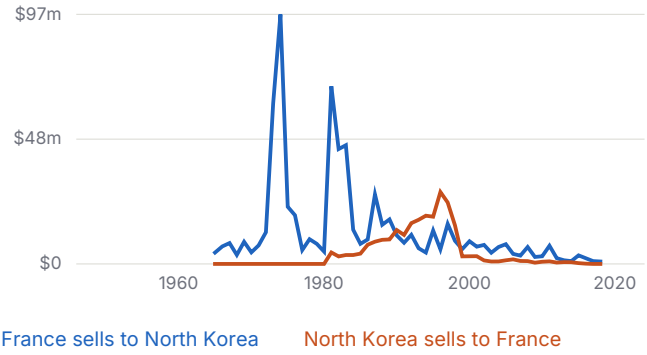
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides of the conflict in North Korea, South Korea, with France supporting another party, most recently in 1953.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 39% (2022–2024), among the lowest either of them has with any country.
- They have no recorded trade in goods.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, France names North Korea far more often than the reverse (12 sentences against 0).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way

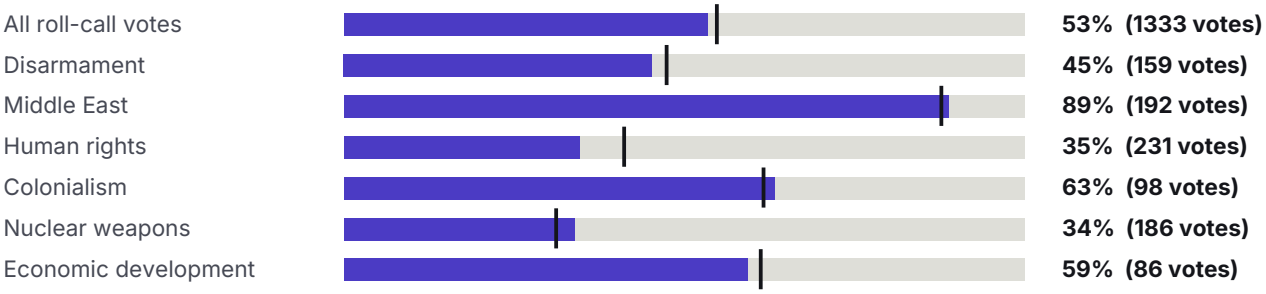


Goods exports each way (US dollars)



VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on Middle East (89% of votes the same), furthest apart on nuclear weapons (34%), against 53% on all votes 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 France and North Korea was 39% in 2022–2024. For France, North Korea is the 2nd most distant voting partner out of 191; for North Korea, France is the 34th most distant partner.
Trade	No trade in goods between them is recorded for 2023–2025.
Words	Since 1946, France has named North Korea in 12 sentences of its General Debate speeches; North Korea has named France in 0.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them on opposite sides of armed conflict, one of them supporting another party (North Korea, South Korea, 1950–1953).

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	244 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	**Low**	No goods trade is reported for 2023–2025, so the score is 0. The data cannot tell zero trade from trade that was not reported.
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	**Low**	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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