Ghana & United Kingdom

−8

Distant

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

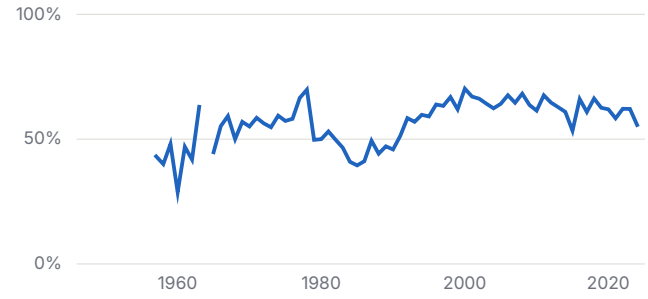
UN votes	−53
Trade	51
Security	0
Shared clubs	0

IN SHORT

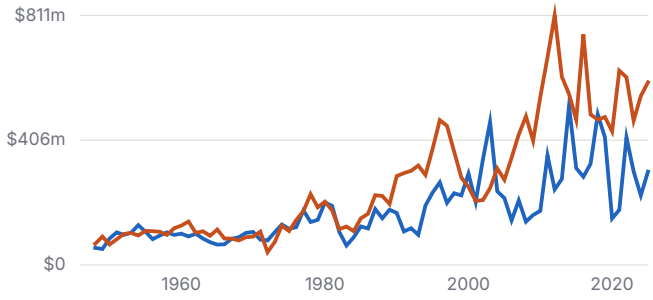
- At the UN their vote agreement is 60% (2022–2024), lower than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($815 million a year) is modest for Ghana, much less so for the United Kingdom.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Ghana names the United Kingdom far more often than the reverse (76 sentences against 7).
- 155,000 people born in Ghana live in the United Kingdom (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Ghana sells to United Kingdom United Kingdom sells to Ghana

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on Middle East (91% of votes the same), furthest apart on nuclear weapons (30%), against 60% on all votes since 2010.

All roll-call votes	60% (1288 votes)
Disarmament	49% (173 votes)
Middle East	91% (128 votes)
Human rights	46% (211 votes)
Colonialism	58% (73 votes)
Nuclear weapons	30% (197 votes)
Economic development	68% (82 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 Ghana and the United Kingdom was 60% in 2022–2024. For Ghana, the United Kingdom is the 4th most distant voting partner out of 191; for the United Kingdom, Ghana is the 87th most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $815 million a year in 2023–2025: 1.7% of all Ghana's trade and less than 0.1% of the United Kingdom's.
Words	Since 1946, Ghana has named the United Kingdom in 76 sentences of its General Debate speeches; the United Kingdom has named Ghana in 7.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	155,000 people born in Ghana live in the United Kingdom and 1,800 born in the United Kingdom live in Ghana (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met twice.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	257 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.

SOURCES AND HOW TO CITE

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