Iceland & Burkina Faso

−23

Distant

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

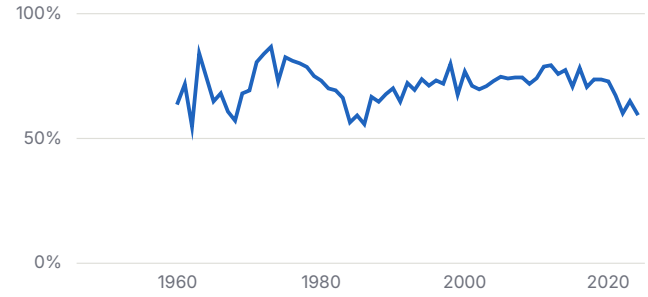
UN votes	−66
Trade	0
Security	0
Shared clubs	0

IN SHORT

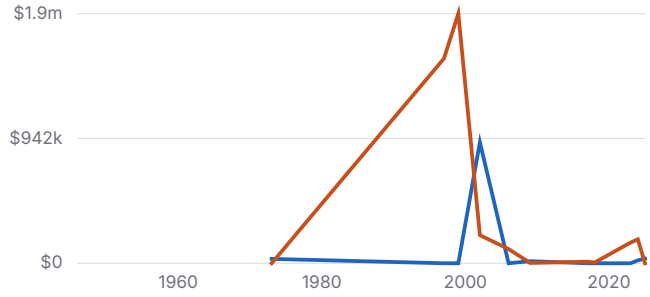
- At the UN their vote agreement is 62% (2022–2024), among the lowest either of them has with any country.
- Trade in goods ($131 thousand a year) is a very small part of either country's trade, under 0.5%.
- One person born in Burkina Faso lives in Iceland (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Iceland sells to Burkina Faso Burkina Faso sells to Iceland

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on Middle East (95% of votes the same), furthest apart on nuclear weapons (53%), against 71% on all votes since 2010.

All roll-call votes	71% (1280 votes)
Disarmament	67% (175 votes)
Middle East	95% (148 votes)
Human rights	54% (208 votes)
Colonialism	84% (85 votes)
Nuclear weapons	53% (200 votes)
Economic development	79% (91 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 Iceland and Burkina Faso was 62% in 2022–2024. For Iceland, Burkina Faso is the 30th most distant voting partner out of 191; for Burkina Faso, Iceland is the 36th most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $131 thousand a year in 2023–2025: less than 0.1% of all Iceland's trade and less than 0.1% of Burkina Faso's.
Words	Since 1946, Iceland has named Burkina Faso in 0 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Burkina Faso has named Iceland in 0.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	1 born in Burkina Faso live in Iceland (2015, UN DESA).

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	209 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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