Israel & Costa Rica

−12

Distant

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

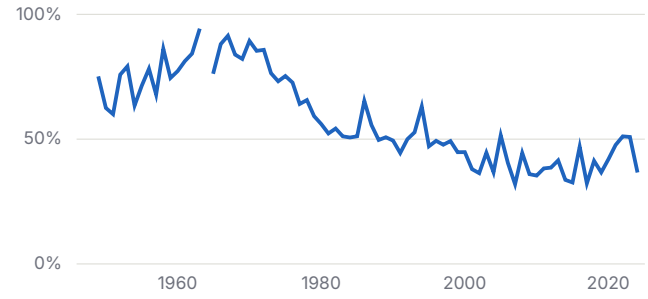
UN votes	−37
Trade	4
Security	0
Shared clubs	0

IN SHORT

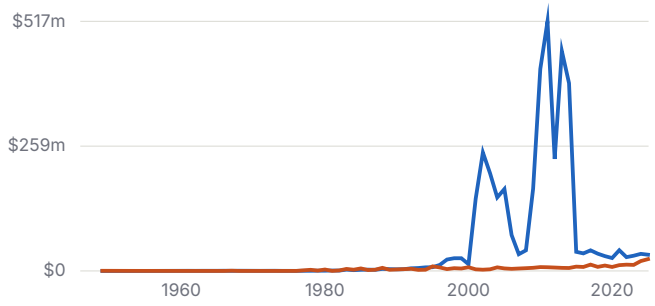
- At the UN their vote agreement is 46% (2022–2024), lower than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($53 million a year) is a very small part of either country's trade, under 0.5%.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Costa Rica names Israel far more often than the reverse (63 sentences against 1).
- 245 people born in Israel live in Costa Rica (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)



Israel sells to Costa Rica Costa Rica sells to Israel

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on human rights (38% of votes the same), furthest apart on Middle East (4%), against 32% on all votes since 2010.

All roll-call votes	32% (1391 votes)
Disarmament	37% (178 votes)
Middle East	4% (192 votes)
Human rights	38% (249 votes)
Colonialism	14% (98 votes)
Nuclear weapons	23% (199 votes)
Economic development	29% (89 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 Israel and Costa Rica was 46% in 2022–2024. For Israel, Costa Rica is the 72nd closest voting partner out of 191; for Costa Rica, Israel is the most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $53 million a year in 2023–2025: less than 0.1% of all Israel's trade and 0.1% of Costa Rica's.
Words	Since 1946, Israel has named Costa Rica in 1 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Costa Rica has named Israel in 63.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	245 people born in Israel live in Costa Rica (2024, UN DESA).

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	265 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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