Norway & Maldives

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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.

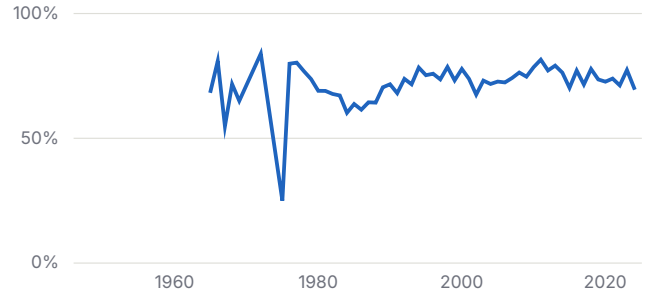
UN votes	−23
Trade	0
Security	0
Shared clubs	0

IN SHORT

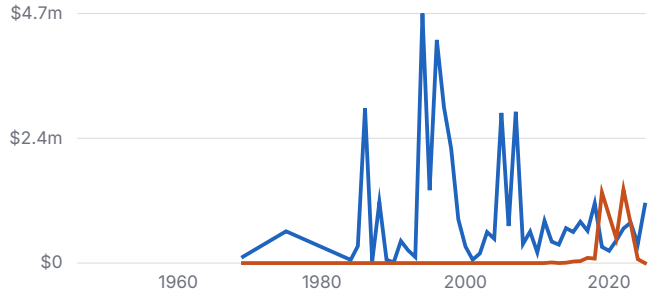
- At the UN their vote agreement is 73% (2022–2024), lower than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($1.0 million a year) is a very small part of either country's trade, under 0.5%.
- 4 people born in the Maldives live in Norway (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved). A separate count, by UNHCR: 9 refugees and asylum seekers from the Maldives in Norway; 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)



Norway sells to Maldives Maldives sells to Norway

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on Middle East (89% of votes the same), furthest apart on nuclear weapons (51%), against 73% on all votes since 2010.

All roll-call votes	73% (1459 votes)
Disarmament	68% (177 votes)
Middle East	89% (191 votes)
Human rights	56% (248 votes)
Colonialism	82% (97 votes)
Nuclear weapons	51% (200 votes)
Economic development	73% (93 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 Norway and the Maldives was 73% in 2022–2024. For Norway, the Maldives is the 89th closest voting partner out of 191; for the Maldives, Norway is the 45th most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $1.0 million a year in 2023–2025: less than 0.1% of all Norway's trade and less than 0.1% of the Maldives'.
Words	Since 1946, Norway has named the Maldives in 0 sentences of its General Debate speeches; the Maldives has named Norway in 0.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	4 born in the Maldives live in Norway (2024, UN DESA).

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	269 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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