New Zealand & North Korea

−29

Distant

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

UN votes	−82
Trade	0
Security	0
Shared clubs	0

IN SHORT

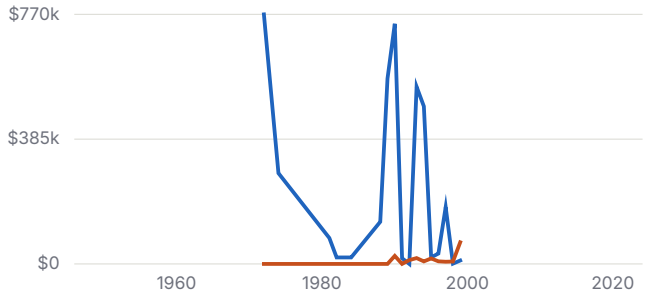
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides of the war in South Vietnam, Viet Nam, each supporting a side, most recently in 1972.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 39% (2022–2024), among the lowest either of them has with any country.
- They have no recorded trade in goods.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, New Zealand names North Korea far more often than the reverse (24 sentences against 0).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



Goods exports each way (US dollars)



New Zealand sells to North Korea · North Korea sells to New Zealand

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on Middle East (88% of votes the same), furthest apart on human rights (36%), against 61% on all votes since 2010.

All roll-call votes	61% (1334 votes)
Disarmament	57% (159 votes)
Middle East	88% (191 votes)
Human rights	36% (231 votes)
Colonialism	83% (98 votes)
Nuclear weapons	52% (187 votes)
Economic development	65% (87 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 New Zealand and North Korea was 39% in 2022–2024. For New Zealand, North Korea is the most distant voting partner out of 191; for North Korea, New Zealand is the 35th most distant partner.
Trade	No trade in goods between them is recorded for 2023–2025.
Words	Since 1946, New Zealand has named North Korea in 24 sentences of its General Debate speeches; North Korea has named New Zealand in 0.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them supporting opposite sides of a third party's armed conflict (South Vietnam, Viet Nam, 1965–1972).

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	243 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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