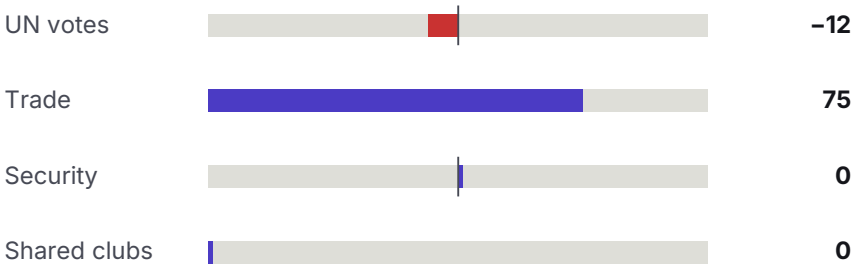
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Neutral

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

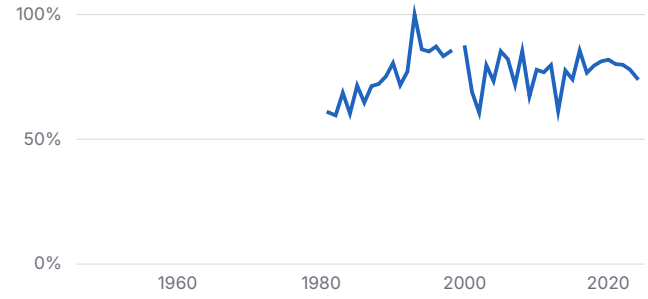


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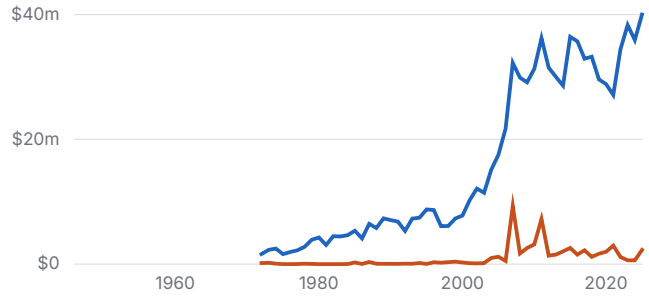
- At the UN their vote agreement is 77% (2022–2024), about average for both of them.
- Trade in goods ($39 million a year) is important for Vanuatu, much less so for New Zealand.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Vanuatu names New Zealand far more often than the reverse (12 sentences against 4).
- 331 people born in New Zealand live in Vanuatu (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



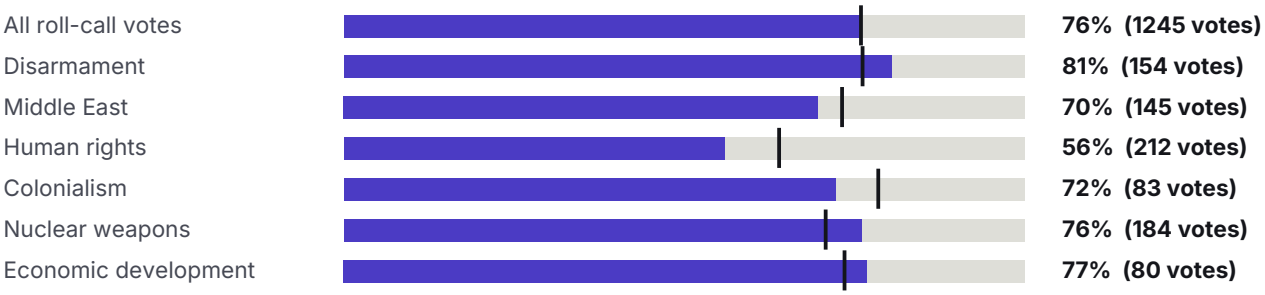
Goods exports each way (US dollars)



New Zealand sells to Vanuatu Vanuatu sells to New Zealand

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on disarmament (81% of votes the same), furthest apart on human rights (56%), against 76% on all votes since 2010.



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 Vanuatu was 77% in 2022–2024. For New Zealand, Vanuatu is the 76th closest voting partner out of 191; for Vanuatu, New Zealand is the 53rd most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $39 million a year in 2023–2025: less than 0.1% of all New Zealand's trade and 6.1% of Vanuatu's.
Words	Since 1946, New Zealand has named Vanuatu in 4 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Vanuatu has named New Zealand in 12.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	331 people born in New Zealand live in Vanuatu (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 15 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	237 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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