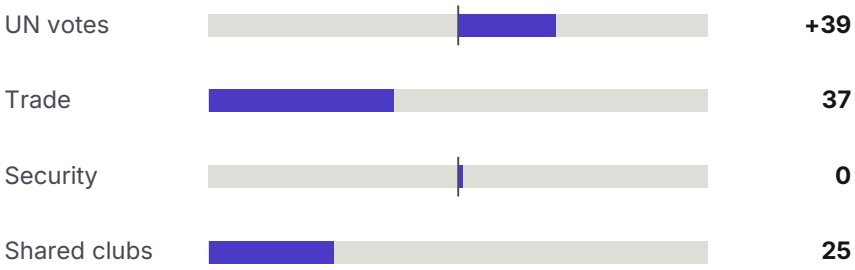
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Close

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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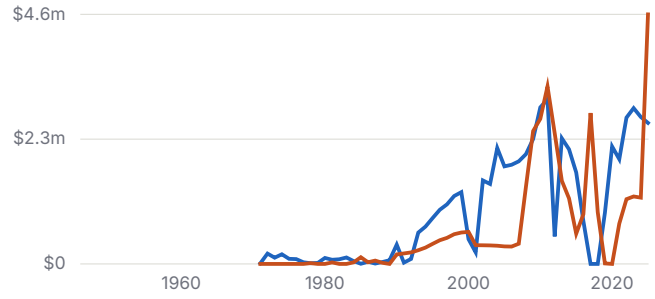
- At the UN their vote agreement is 88% (2022–2024), higher than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($5.0 million a year) is modest for Vanuatu, much less so for Papua New Guinea.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Papua New Guinea names Vanuatu far more often than the reverse (29 sentences against 7).
- 98 people born in Vanuatu live in Papua New Guinea (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



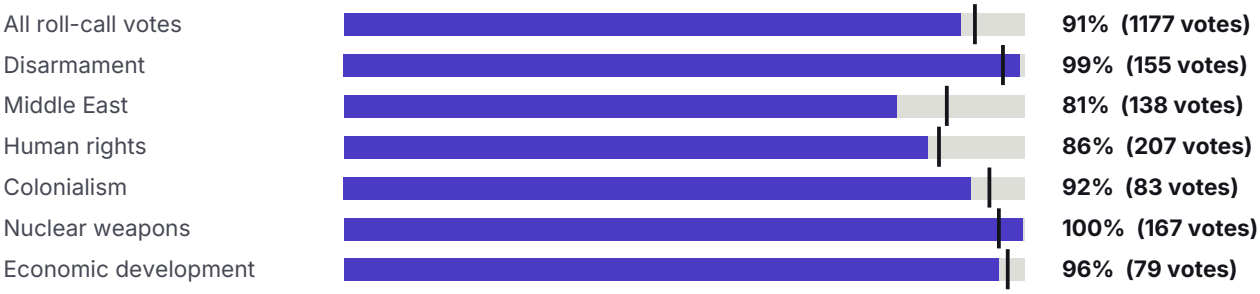
Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Papua New Guinea sells to Vanuatu Vanuatu sells to Papua New Guinea

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on nuclear weapons (100% of votes the same), furthest apart on Middle East (81%), against 91% 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 Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu was 88% in 2022–2024. For Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu is the 14th closest voting partner out of 191; for Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea is the 88th most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $5.0 million a year in 2023–2025: less than 0.1% of all Papua New Guinea's trade and 0.8% of Vanuatu's.
Words	Since 1946, Papua New Guinea has named Vanuatu in 29 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Vanuatu has named Papua New Guinea in 7.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	69 people born in Papua New Guinea live in Vanuatu and 98 born in Vanuatu live in Papua New Guinea (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 26 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	235 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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