North Korea & Colombia

−21

Distant

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

UN votes	−59
Trade	0
Security	0
Shared clubs	0

IN SHORT

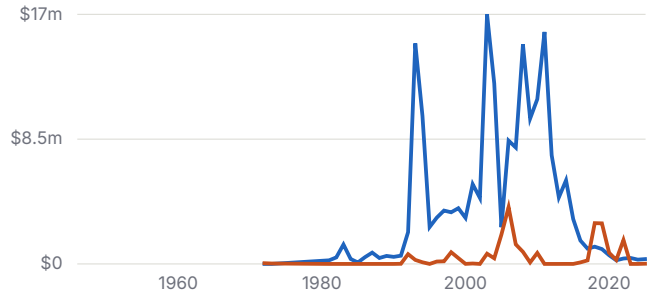
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides of the conflict in North Korea, South Korea, with Colombia supporting another party, most recently in 1953.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 57% (2022–2024), lower than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($349 thousand a year) is a very small part of either country's trade, under 0.5%.
- 13 people born in North Korea live in Colombia (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)



North Korea sells to Colombia Colombia sells to North Korea

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on colonialism (87% of votes the same), furthest apart on nuclear weapons (63%), against 77% on all votes since 2010.

All roll-call votes	77%	(1332 votes)
Disarmament	74%	(158 votes)
Middle East	87%	(192 votes)
Human rights	69%	(231 votes)
Colonialism	87%	(96 votes)
Nuclear weapons	63%	(186 votes)
Economic development	86%	(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 North Korea and Colombia was 57% in 2022–2024. For North Korea, Colombia is the 76th most distant voting partner out of 191; for Colombia, North Korea is the 4th most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $349 thousand a year in 2023–2025: less than 0.1% of all North Korea's trade and less than 0.1% of Colombia's.
Words	Since 1946, North Korea has named Colombia in 0 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Colombia has named North Korea in 3.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them on opposite sides of armed conflict, one of them supporting another party (North Korea, South Korea, 1951–1953).
People	13 people born in North Korea live in Colombia (2024, UN DESA).

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	244 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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