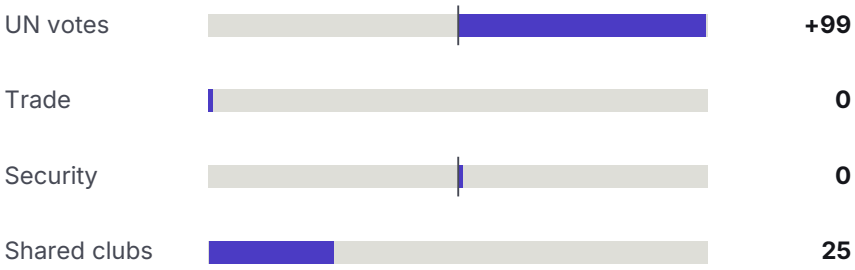
North Korea & Syria

+38

Close

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

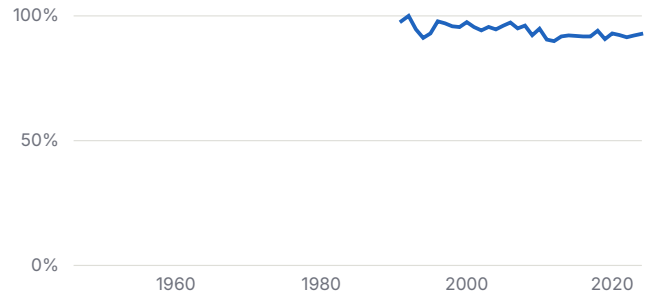


IN SHORT

- At the UN their vote agreement is 92% (2022–2024), among the highest either of them has with any country.
- They have no recorded trade in goods.
- At the UN they name each other about equally often (15 and 18 sentences).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



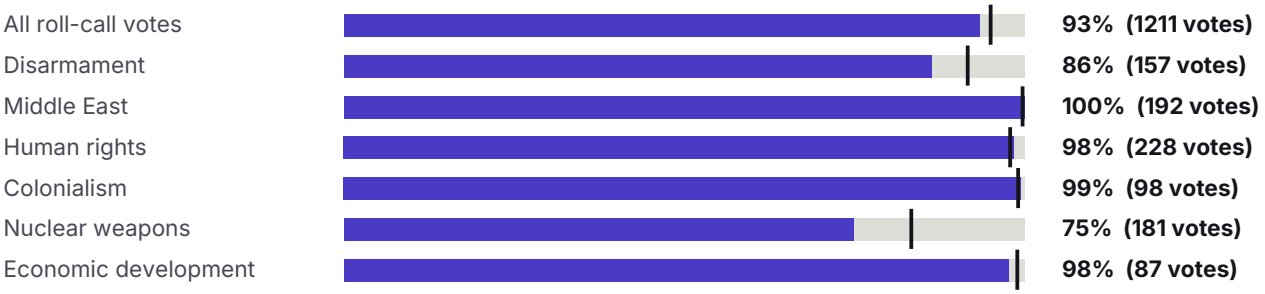
Goods exports each way (US dollars)



North Korea sells to Syria Syria sells to North Korea

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on Middle East (100% of votes the same), furthest apart on nuclear weapons (75%), against 93% 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 North Korea and Syria was 92% in 2022–2024. For North Korea, Syria is the closest voting partner out of 191; for Syria, North Korea is the 3rd closest partner.
Trade	No trade in goods between them is recorded for 2023–2025.

Words	Since 1946, North Korea has named Syria in 15 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Syria has named North Korea in 18.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	Their national football teams have met 10 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	222 shared votes on whole texts in 2022–2024, the years the headline share covers. With that many, a share is good to about ±7 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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