Portugal & Sierra Leone

−9

Distant

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

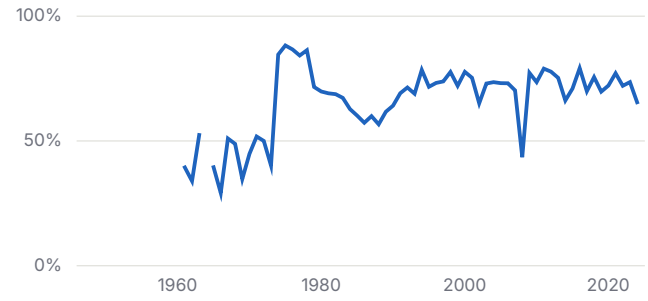
UN votes	−26
Trade	0
Security	0
Shared clubs	0

IN SHORT

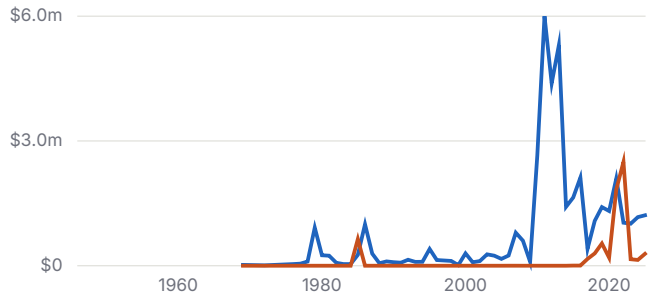
- At the UN their vote agreement is 70% (2022–2024), lower than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($1.3 million a year) is a very small part of either country's trade, under 0.5%.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Sierra Leone names Portugal far more often than the reverse (44 sentences against 1).
- 65 people born in Sierra Leone live in Portugal (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved). A separate count, by UNHCR: 142 refugees and asylum seekers from Sierra Leone in Portugal; the two counts measure different things and are not added up.

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way



Goods exports each way (US dollars)



Portugal sells to Sierra Leone Sierra Leone sells to Portugal

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (SINCE 2010)

Most alike on Middle East (90% of votes the same), furthest apart on nuclear weapons (48%), against 72% on all votes since 2010.

All roll-call votes	72% (1246 votes)
Disarmament	65% (134 votes)
Middle East	90% (148 votes)
Human rights	55% (221 votes)
Colonialism	82% (78 votes)
Nuclear weapons	48% (166 votes)
Economic development	82% (84 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 Portugal and Sierra Leone was 70% in 2022–2024. For Portugal, Sierra Leone is the 86th closest voting partner out of 191; for Sierra Leone, Portugal is the 36th most distant partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $1.3 million a year in 2023–2025: less than 0.1% of all Portugal's trade and less than 0.1% of Sierra Leone's.
Words	Since 1946, Portugal has named Sierra Leone in 1 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Sierra Leone has named Portugal in 44.
Security	No armed conflict between the two governments is recorded since 1946 (UCDP, data to 2025).
People	65 born in Sierra Leone live in Portugal (2024, UN DESA).

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	245 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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