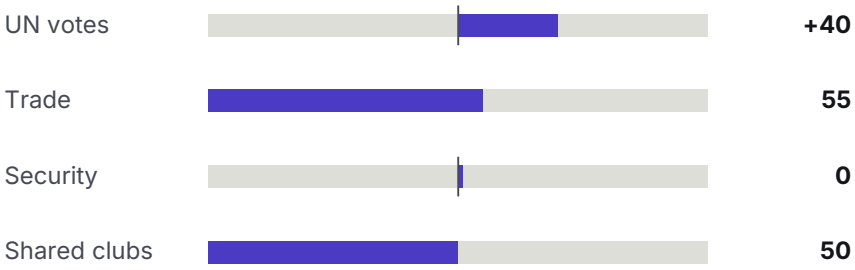
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Close

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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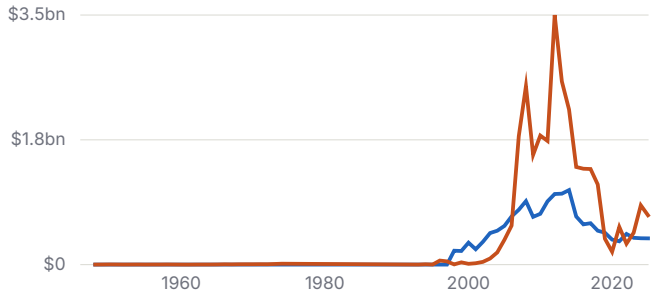
- Armed conflict: UCDP records them on opposite sides of the conflict in Angola, with South Africa supporting another party, most recently in 1988.
- At the UN their vote agreement is 92% (2022–2024), higher than either of them has with most countries.
- Trade in goods ($1.0 billion a year) is modest for Angola, much less so for South Africa.
- In its UN General Debate speeches, Angola names South Africa far more often than the reverse (162 sentences against 14).
- 6,500 people born in South Africa live in Angola (UN DESA counts place of birth, however long ago they moved).

OVER TIME

Share of recorded UN votes cast the same way

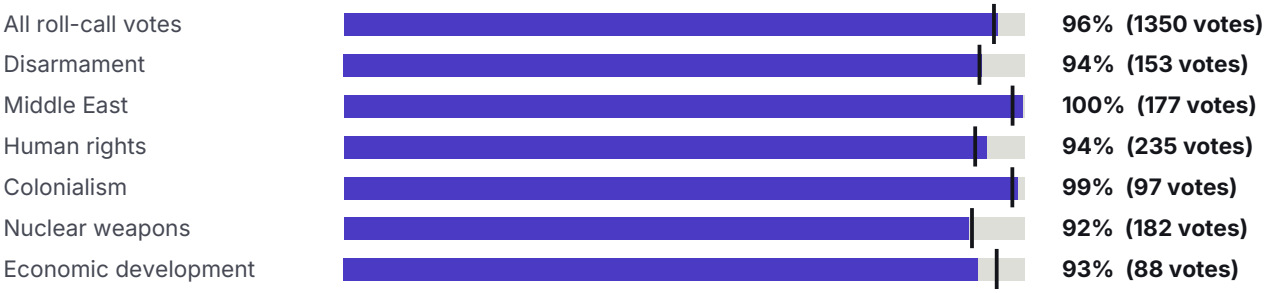


Goods exports each way (US dollars)



South Africa sells to Angola Angola sells to South Africa

VOTES TOPIC BY TOPIC (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 South Africa and Angola was 92% in 2022–2024. For South Africa, Angola is the 31st closest voting partner out of 191; for Angola, South Africa is the 85th closest partner.
Trade	Trade in goods between them averaged $1.0 billion a year in 2023–2025: 0.5% of all South Africa's trade and 2.0% of Angola's.
Words	Since 1946, South Africa has named Angola in 14 sentences of its General Debate speeches; Angola has named South Africa in 162.
Security	The Uppsala Conflict Data Program records them on opposite sides of armed conflict, one of them supporting another party (Angola, 1975–1988).
People	6,500 people born in South Africa live in Angola and 6,400 born in Angola live in South Africa (2024, UN DESA).
People	Their national football teams have met 15 times.

HOW SURE WE ARE

UN votes	**High**	264 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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