

V - COUNTRY VOTING PRACTICES

This section consolidates information from previous sections and presents it by country for 191 UN members (all members except the United States). The countries appear in the alphabetical order by which they are seated at the UN General Assembly. Thus, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is listed under "D," Republic of Korea under "R," The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia under "T," and United Republic of Tanzania under "U." The Democratic Republic of the Congo, formerly Zaire, is listed under "D." Congo (Brazzaville) remains under "C." Burma, which changed its name to Myanmar and is so designated at the United Nations, is listed under "M." Ivory Coast, which changed its name to Côte d'Ivoire, appears under "C." Each country listing contains the following:

—Summary coincidence percentages drawn from Sections III and IV. Coincidence percentages for selected issue categories are also included. These percentages are derived by the same methodology used for overall Plenary votes, i.e., identical votes divided by the sum of identical and opposite votes; abstentions and absences are not included, nor are consensus resolutions.

—Vote totals in the Plenary and on the 13 important Plenary votes.

—Every vote on the 13 important issues, with the U.S. vote in parentheses for comparison. Symbols used are Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, and X=Absent.

Countries two years in arrears in payment of UN dues are not permitted to vote in the Plenary. For 2008, all countries voted. The Palestinian Authority is not a UN member, and therefore has no voting privileges.

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AFGHANISTAN

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 15, Disagree 69, Abstain 1, Absent 3: 17.9%
—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 74.5%
—Arms Control: 29.3%; Human Rights: 13%; Middle East: 0.0%
Important Votes (13): Agree 3, Disagree 10, Abstain 0, Absent 0: 23.1%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) Y
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) N
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) N
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) Y
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

ALBANIA

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 32, Disagree 39, Abstain 16, Absent 1: 45.1 %
—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 85.1%
—Arms Control: 45.7%; Human Rights: 68.4%; Middle East: 22.2%
Important Votes (13): Agree 4, Disagree 2, Abstain 6, Absent 1: 66.7%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) A
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) A
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) A
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) Y
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) X
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) A
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) A
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) Y
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) A

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

V—Country Voting Practices in the United Nations

ALGERIA

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 5, Disagree 71, Abstain 10, Absent 2: 6.6%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 73.1%

—Arms Control: 12.5%; Human Rights: 0.0%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 0, Disagree 13, Abstain 0, Absent 0: 0.0%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) N
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) Y
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) N
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) N
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

ANDORRA

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 29, Disagree 33, Abstain 17, Absent 9: 46.8%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 86%

—Arms Control: 51.7%; Human Rights: 72.2%; Middle East: 22.2%

Important Votes (13): Agree 4, Disagree 2, Abstain 5, Absent 2: 66.7%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) A
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) A
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) A
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) Y
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) N
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) A
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) A
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) X
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) X

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

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ANGOLA

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 13, Disagree 65, Abstain 5, Absent 5: 16.7%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 74.8%

—Arms Control: 32.4%; Human Rights: 0.0%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 0, Disagree 10, Abstain 3, Absent 0: 0.0%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) A
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) Y
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) A
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) A
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 14, Disagree 66, Abstain 7, Absent 1: 17.5%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 75.6%

—Arms Control: 29.3%; Human Rights: 5.9%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 1, Disagree 8, Abstain 4, Absent 0: 11.1%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) A
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) A
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) A
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) N
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) A
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

V—Country Voting Practices in the United Nations

ARGENTINA

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 21, Disagree 61, Abstain 6, Absent 0: 25.6%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 77.7%

—Arms Control: 30.0%; Human Rights: 38.1%; Middle East: 19.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 4, Disagree 6, Abstain 3, Absent 0: 40.0%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) A
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) Y
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) A
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) A
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) Y
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

ARMENIA

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 17, Disagree 55, Abstain 13, Absent 3: 23.6%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 78.7%

—Arms Control: 35.3%; Human Rights: 21.1%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 1, Disagree 8, Abstain 3, Absent 1: 11.1%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) A
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) X
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) Y
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) N
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) A
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) Y
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) A

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

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AUSTRALIA

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 41, Disagree 31, Abstain 16, Absent 0: 56.9%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 88.3%

—Arms Control: 44.1%; Human Rights: 80.0%; Middle East: 66.7%

Important Votes (13): Agree 10, Disagree 2, Abstain 1, Absent 0: 83.3%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) N
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) N
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) N
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) Y
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) N
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) A
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) N
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) Y
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) N

AUSTRIA

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes 82): Agree 30, Disagree 43, Abstain 15, Absent 0: 41.1%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 83.8%

—Arms Control: 37.8%; Human Rights: 70.0%; Middle East: 22.2%

Important Votes (13): Agree 5, Disagree 2, Abstain 6, Absent 0: 71.4%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) A
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) A
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) A
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) Y
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) N
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) A
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) A
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) Y
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) A

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

V—Country Voting Practices in the United Nations

AZERBAIJAN

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 13, Disagree 66, Abstain 7, Absent 2: 16.5%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 75.3 %

—Arms Control: 34.3%; Human Rights: 0.0%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 0, Disagree 12, Abstain 1, Absent 0: 0.0%

Important Issues	<u>VOTES</u>
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) A
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) Y
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) N
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) N
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

BAHAMAS

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 19, Disagree 57, Abstain 3, Absent 9: 25.0%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 77.2%

—Arms Control: 32.4%; Human Rights: 30.0%; Middle East: 19.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 4, Disagree 6, Abstain 1, Absent 2: 40.0%

Important Issues	<u>VOTES</u>
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) A
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) Y
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) N
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) X
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) X

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

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BAHRAIN

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 5, Disagree 66, Abstain 16, Absent 1: 7.0%
—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 74.7%
—Arms Control: 10.3%; Human Rights: 4.8%; Middle East: 0.0%
Important Votes (13): Agree 1, Disagree 10, Abstain 2, Absent 0: 9.1%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) Y
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) N
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) A
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) A
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

BANGLADESH

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 15, Disagree 70, Abstain 1, Absent 2: 17.6%
—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 74.4%
—Arms Control: 29.3%; Human Rights: 8.3%; Middle East: 0.0%
Important Votes (13): Agree 2, Disagree 11, Abstain 0, Absent 0: 15.4%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) Y
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) N
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) N
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) N
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

V—Country Voting Practices in the United Nations

BARBADOS

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 14, Disagree 66, Abstain 7, Absent 1: 17.5%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 75.6%

—Arms Control: 29.3%; Human Rights: 5.6%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 1, Disagree 9, Abstain 3, Absent 0: 10.0%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) A
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) Y
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) A
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) N
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) A
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

BELARUS

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 12, Disagree 66, Abstain 9, Absent 1: 15.4%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 75.4%

—Arms Control: 32.4%; Human Rights: 0.0%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 0, Disagree 11, Abstain 1, Absent 1: 0.0%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) N
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) Y
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) N
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) A
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) X
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) N
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

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BELGIUM

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 32, Disagree 40, Abstain 16, Absent 0: 44.4%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 84.8%

—Arms Control: 44.4%; Human Rights: 70.0%; Middle East: 22.2%

Important Votes (13): Agree 5, Disagree 2, Abstain 6, Absent 0: 71.4%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) A
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) A
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) A
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) Y
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) N
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) A
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) A
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) Y
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

BELIZE

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 18, Disagree 55, Abstain 1, Absent 14: 24.7%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 76.8%

—Arms Control: 32.4%; Human Rights: 28.6%; Middle East: 16.7%

Important Votes (13): Agree 4, Disagree 5, Abstain 0, Absent 4: 44.4%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) X
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) X
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) N
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) N
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) N
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) X
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) X

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

V—Country Voting Practices in the United Nations

BENIN

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 13, Disagree 62, Abstain 7, Absent 6: 17.3%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 75.7%

—Arms Control: 30.8%; Human Rights: 0.0%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 0, Disagree 8, Abstain 4, Absent 1: 0.0%

Important Issues	<u>VOTES</u>
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) A
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) A
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) A
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) A
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) X
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

BHUTAN

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 15, Disagree 53, Abstain 11, Absent 9: 22.1%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 78.1%

—Arms Control: 34.4%; Human Rights: 18.8%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 1, Disagree 7, Abstain 3, Absent 2: 12.5%

Important Issues	<u>VOTES</u>
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) A
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) A
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) A
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) X
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) X

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

Voting Practices in the United Nations—2008

BOLIVIA

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 12, Disagree 69, Abstain 5, Absent 2: 14.8%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 74.4%

—Arms Control: 29.3%; Human Rights: 0.0%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 0, Disagree 9, Abstain 4, Absent 0: 0.0%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) A
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) Y
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) A
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) A
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) A
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 29, Disagree 39, Abstain 16, Absent 4: 42.6%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 84.5%

—Arms Control: 42.4%; Human Rights: 68.4%; Middle East: 22.2%

Important Votes (13): Agree 4, Disagree 2, Abstain 6, Absent 1: 66.7%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) A
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) A
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) A
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) Y
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) X
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) A
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) A
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) Y
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) A

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

V—Country Voting Practices in the United Nations

BOTSWANA

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 20, Disagree 59, Abstain 5, Absent 4: 25.3%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 77.6%

—Arms Control: 29.3%; Human Rights: 35.0%; Middle East: 21.1%

Important Votes (13): Agree 5, Disagree 5, Abstain 2, Absent 1: 50.0%

Important Issues	<u>VOTES</u>
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) A
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) Y
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) N
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) A
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) X
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) Y
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

BRAZIL

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 16, Disagree 63, Abstain 9, Absent 0: 20.3%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 76.8%

—Arms Control: 28.6%; Human Rights: 20.0%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 1, Disagree 7, Abstain 5, Absent 0: 12.5%

Important Issues	<u>VOTES</u>
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) A
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) A
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) A
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) A
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) A
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) Y
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

Voting Practices in the United Nations—2008

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 14, Disagree 71, Abstain 3, Absent 0: 16.5%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 74.4%

—Arms Control: 28.6%; Human Rights: 4.8%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 1, Disagree 10, Abstain 2, Absent 0: 9.1%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) A
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) Y
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) A
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) N
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) N
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

BULGARIA

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 32, Disagree 38, Abstain 17, Absent 1: 45.7%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 85.4%

—Arms Control: 47.1%; Human Rights: 70.0%; Middle East: 22.2%

Important Votes (13): Agree 5, Disagree 2, Abstain 6, Absent 0: 71.4%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) A
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) A
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) A
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) Y
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) N
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) A
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) A
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) Y
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) A

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

V—Country Voting Practices in the United Nations

BURKINA FASO

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 13, Disagree 61, Abstain 8, Absent 6: 17.6%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 76.0%

—Arms Control: 30.0%; Human Rights: 0.0%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 0, Disagree 7, Abstain 5, Absent 1: 0.0%

Important Issues	<u>VOTES</u>
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) X
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) A
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) A
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) A
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) A
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) A
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

BURUNDI

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 15, Disagree 60, Abstain 7, Absent 6: 20.0%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 76.5%

—Arms Control: 28.6%; Human Rights: 16.7%; Middle East: 7.1%

Important Votes (13): Agree 3, Disagree 5, Abstain 3, Absent 2: 37.5%

Important Issues	<u>VOTES</u>
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) X
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) X
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) A
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) A
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) A
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) Y
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

Voting Practices in the United Nations—2008

CAMBODIA

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 13, Disagree 68, Abstain 3, Absent 4: 16.0%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 74.3%

—Arms Control: 28.6%; Human Rights: 0.0%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 0, Disagree 10, Abstain 1, Absent 2: 0.0%

Important Issues	<u>VOTES</u>
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) A
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) Y
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) X
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) X
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

CAMEROON

Voting Coincidence Percentages

Overall Votes (88): Agree 13, Disagree 46, Abstain 24, Absent 5: 22.0%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 80.9%

—Arms Control: 30.0%; Human Rights: 0.0%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 0, Disagree 4, Abstain 8, Absent 1: 0.0%

Important Issues	<u>VOTES</u>
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) A
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) A
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) A
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) A
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) A
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) A
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) A
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) X
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) A
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

V—Country Voting Practices in the United Nations

CANADA

Overall Votes (88): Agree 41, Disagree 28, Abstain 18, Absent 1: 59.4%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 89.2%

—Arms Control: 46.9%; Human Rights: 84.2%; Middle East: 66.7%

Important Votes (13): Agree 10, Disagree 2, Abstain 1, Absent 0: 83.3%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) N
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) N
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) N
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) Y
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) N
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) A
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) N
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) Y
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) N

CAPE VERDE

Overall Votes (88): Agree 16, Disagree 53, Abstain 5, Absent 14: 23.2%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 77.3%

—Arms Control: 31.4%; Human Rights: 26.7%; Middle East: 5.9%

Important Votes (13): Agree 2, Disagree 6, Abstain 2, Absent 3: 25.0%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) X
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) A
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) A
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) N
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) X
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) X

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

Voting Practices in the United Nations—2008

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Overall Votes (88): Agree 0, Disagree 32, Abstain 4, Absent 52: 0.0%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 71.7%

—Arms Control: 0.0%; Human Rights: 0.0%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 0, Disagree 6, Abstain 4, Absent 3: 0.0%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) A
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) Y
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) A
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) A
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) A
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) X
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) X
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) X

CHAD

Overall Votes (88): Agree 7, Disagree 20, Abstain 8, Absent 53: 25.9%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 80.4%

—Arms Control: 41.2%; Human Rights: 0.0%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 0, Disagree 2, Abstain 3, Absent 8: 0.0%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) X
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) X
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) X
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) A
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) A
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) A
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) X
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) X
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) X
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) X
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) X

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

V—Country Voting Practices in the United Nations

CHILE

Overall Votes (88): Agree 22, Disagree 61, Abstain 4, Absent 1: 26.5%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 77.7%

—Arms Control: 29.3%; Human Rights: 45.0%; Middle East: 18.2%

Important Votes (13): Agree 4, Disagree 8, Abstain 1, Absent 0: 33.3%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) Y
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) A
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) Y
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

CHINA

Overall Votes (88): Agree 13, Disagree 66, Abstain 7, Absent 2: 16.5%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 75.3%

—Arms Control: 33.3%; Human Rights: 4.2%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 1, Disagree 12, Abstain 0, Absent 0: 7.7%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) N
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) Y
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) N
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) N
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) N
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

Voting Practices in the United Nations—2008

COLOMBIA

Overall Votes (88): Agree 15, Disagree 60, Abstain 12, Absent 1: 20.0%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 77.4%

—Arms Control: 29.3%; Human Rights: 16.7%; Middle East: 6.7%

Important Votes (13): Agree 1, Disagree 5, Abstain 7, Absent 0: 16.7%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) A
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) A
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) A
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) A
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) A
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) A
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) A
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

COMOROS

Overall Votes (88): Agree 8, Disagree 59, Abstain 7, Absent 14: 11.9%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 74.3%

—Arms Control: 19.2%; Human Rights: 9.5%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 2, Disagree 9, Abstain 0, Absent 2: 18.2%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) Y
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) N
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) N
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) X
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) X

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

V—Country Voting Practices in the United Nations

CONGO

Overall Votes (88): Agree 13, Disagree 68, Abstain 7, Absent 0: 16.0%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 75.1%

—Arms Control: 28.6%; Human Rights: 0.0%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 0, Disagree 10, Abstain 3, Absent 0: 0.0 %

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) A
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) Y
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) N
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) A
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) A
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

COSTA RICA

Overall Votes (88): Agree 20, Disagree 63, Abstain 4, Absent 1: 24.1%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 76.9%

—Arms Control: 29.3%; Human Rights: 33.3%; Middle East: 19.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 4, Disagree 6, Abstain 3, Absent 0: 40.0%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) A
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) Y
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) A
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) A
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) Y
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

Voting Practices in the United Nations—2008

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Overall Votes (88): Agree 13, Disagree 62, Abstain 11, Absent 2: 17.3%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 76.4%

—Arms Control: 29.3%; Human Rights: 0.0%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 0, Disagree 9, Abstain 4, Absent 0: 0.0%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) A
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) A
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) Y
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) A
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) A
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

CROATIA

Overall Votes (88): Agree 31, Disagree 39, Abstain 18 Absent 0: 44.3%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 85.1%

—Arms Control: 44.1%; Human Rights: 70.0%; Middle East: 22.2%

Important Votes (13): Agree 5, Disagree 2, Abstain 6, Absent 0: 71.4%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) A
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) A
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) A
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) Y
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) N
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) A
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) A
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) Y
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) A

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

V—Country Voting Practices in the United Nations

CUBA

Overall Votes (88): Agree 10, Disagree 72, Abstain 4, Absent 2: 12.2%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 73.3%

—Arms Control: 26.3%; Human Rights: 0.0%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 0, Disagree 12, Abstain 1, Absent 0: 0.0%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) N
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) Y
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) N
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) A
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) N
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

CYPRUS

Overall Votes (88): Agree 31, Disagree 47, Abstain 10, Absent 0: 36.1%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 82.6%

—Arms Control: 39.5%; Human Rights: 70.0%; Middle East: 19.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 5, Disagree 4, Abstain 4, Absent 0: 55.6%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) A
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) Y
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) N
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) A
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) A
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) Y
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) A

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

Voting Practices in the United Nations—2008

CZECH REPUBLIC

Overall Votes (88): Agree 33, Disagree 39, Abstain 16, Absent 0: 45.8%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 85.2%

—Arms Control: 45.7%; Human Rights: 71.4%; Middle East: 22.2%

Important Votes (13): Agree 6, Disagree 2, Abstain 5, Absent 0: 75.0%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) A
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) A
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) A
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) Y
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) N
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) A
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) A
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) Y
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) N

DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Overall Votes (88): Agree 6, Disagree 61, Abstain 2, Absent 19: 9.0%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 72.2 %

—Arms Control: 23.8%; Human Rights: 4.2%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 1, Disagree 12, Abstain 0, Absent 0: 7.7%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) N
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) Y
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) N
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) N
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) N
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

V—Country Voting Practices in the United Nations

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Overall Votes (88): Agree 6, Disagree 19, Abstain 0, Absent 63: 24.0%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 75.8%

—Arms Control: 25.0%; Human Rights: 0.0%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 0, Disagree 1, Abstain 0, Absent 12: 0.0%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) X
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) X
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) X
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) X
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) X
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) X
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) X
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) X
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) X
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) X
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) X
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) X

DENMARK

Overall Votes (88): Agree 34, Disagree 38, Abstain 15, Absent 1: 47.2%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 85.5%

—Arms Control: 48.6%; Human Rights: 71.4%; Middle East: 22.2%

Important Votes (13): Agree 6, Disagree 2, Abstain 5, Absent 0: 75.0%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) A
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) A
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) A
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) Y
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) N
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) A
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) A
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) Y
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) N

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

Voting Practices in the United Nations—2008

DJIBOUTI

Overall Votes (88): Agree 6, Disagree 68, Abstain 8, Absent 6: 8.1%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 73.2%

—Arms Control: 14.3%; Human Rights: 0.0%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 0, Disagree 8, Abstain 1, Absent 4: 0.0%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) X
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) X
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) X
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) A
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) X
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

DOMINICA

Overall Votes (88): Agree 14, Disagree 58, Abstain 5, Absent 11: 19.4%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 76.1%

—Arms Control: 34.3%; Human Rights: 6.3%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 1, Disagree 7, Abstain 3, Absent 2: 12.5%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) A
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) A
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) A
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) N
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) X
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) X

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

V—Country Voting Practices in the United Nations

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Overall Votes (88): Agree 16, Disagree 66, Abstain 6, Absent 0: 19.5%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 75.9%

—Arms Control: 28.6%; Human Rights: 16.7%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 1, Disagree 8, Abstain 4, Absent 0: 11.1%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) A
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) A
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) A
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) A
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) Y
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

ECUADOR

Overall Votes (88): Agree 15, Disagree 68, Abstain 3, Absent 2: 18.1%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 74.9%

—Arms Control: 29.3%; Human Rights: 9.5%; Middle East: 4.5%

Important Votes (13): Agree 1, Disagree 9, Abstain 3, Absent 0: 10.0%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) A
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) N
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) A
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) A
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

Voting Practices in the United Nations—2008

EGYPT

Overall Votes (88): Agree 5, Disagree 70, Abstain 13, Absent 0: 6.7%
—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 73.8%
—Arms Control: 13.8%; Human Rights: 4.2%; Middle East: 0.0%
Important Votes (13): Agree 1, Disagree 12, Abstain 0, Absent 0: 7.7%

Important Issues	<u>VOTES</u>
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) N
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) Y
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) N
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) N
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) N
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

EL SALVADOR

Overall Votes (88): Agree 19, Disagree 52, Abstain 6, Absent 11: 26.8%
—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 78.4%
—Arms Control: 32.4%; Human Rights: 36.8%; Middle East: 22.2%
Important Votes (13): Agree 3, Disagree 3, Abstain 4, Absent 3: 50.0%

Important Issues	<u>VOTES</u>
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) X
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) A
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) A
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) A
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) Y
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) A
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) X
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) X

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

V—Country Voting Practices in the United Nations

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Overall Votes (88): Agree 12, Disagree 22, Abstain 0, Absent 54: 35.3%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 79.9%

—Arms Control: 36.4%; Human Rights: 0.0%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 0, Disagree 1, Abstain 0, Absent 12: 0.0%

Important Issues	<u>VOTES</u>
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) X
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) X
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) X
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) X
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) X
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) X
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) X
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) X
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) X
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) X
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) X
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) X

ERITREA

Overall Votes (88): Agree 15, Disagree 69, Abstain 1, Absent 3: 17.9%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 74.5%

—Arms Control: 30.0%; Human Rights: 9.1%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 2, Disagree 10, Abstain 1, Absent 0: 16.7%

Important Issues	<u>VOTES</u>
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) Y
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) Y
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) N
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) A
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) Y
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote

Voting Practices in the United Nations—2008

ESTONIA

Overall Votes (88): Agree 32, Disagree 39, Abstain 17, Absent 0: 45.1%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 85.2%

—Arms Control: 45.7%; Human Rights: 70.0%; Middle East: 22.2%

Important Votes (13): Agree 5, Disagree 2, Abstain 6, Absent 0: 71.4 %

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) A
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) A
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) A
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) Y
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) N
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) Y
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) N
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) A
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) A
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) Y
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) A

ETHIOPIA

Overall Votes (88): Agree 13, Disagree 63, Abstain 10, Absent 2: 17.1%

—Including all 192 Consensus Resolutions: 76.1%

—Arms Control: 30.8%; Human Rights: 0.0%; Middle East: 0.0%

Important Votes (13): Agree 0, Disagree 8, Abstain 5, Absent 0: 0.0%

Important Issues	VOTES
1. U.S. Embargo of Cuba.....	(N) Y
2. Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.....	(N) Y
3. Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat	(N) Y
4. Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices	(N) A
5. Human Rights in North Korea	(Y) A
6. Human Rights in Iran (No Action Motion).....	(N) A
7. Human Rights in Iran.....	(Y) A
8. Moratorium on the Use of the Death Penalty.....	(N) Y
9. Combating Defamation of Religions	(N) Y
10. Toward a New International Economic Order	(N) Y
11. Report of the Human Rights Council.....	(N) Y
12. Human Rights in Myanmar (Burma)	(Y) A
13. Global Efforts to Eliminate Racism	(N) Y

Votes: Y=Yes, N=No, A=Abstain, X=Absent, ()=U.S. Vote