

UNGA 2026: ChatGPT’s Favourite Words Peaked, and “Profound” Took Over

Eleven ceremonial words AI chatbots overuse doubled in English UN General Debate speeches by 2025. In the 2026 debate the overall rate eased, but stayed about 50% above its pre-ChatGPT level, and one word spread to nearly half of all speeches.

1,061

English statements, 2015-2026
(2.05 million words)

12.8 → 9.1

uses per 10,000 words, 2025
peak to 2026 (6.1 before
ChatGPT)

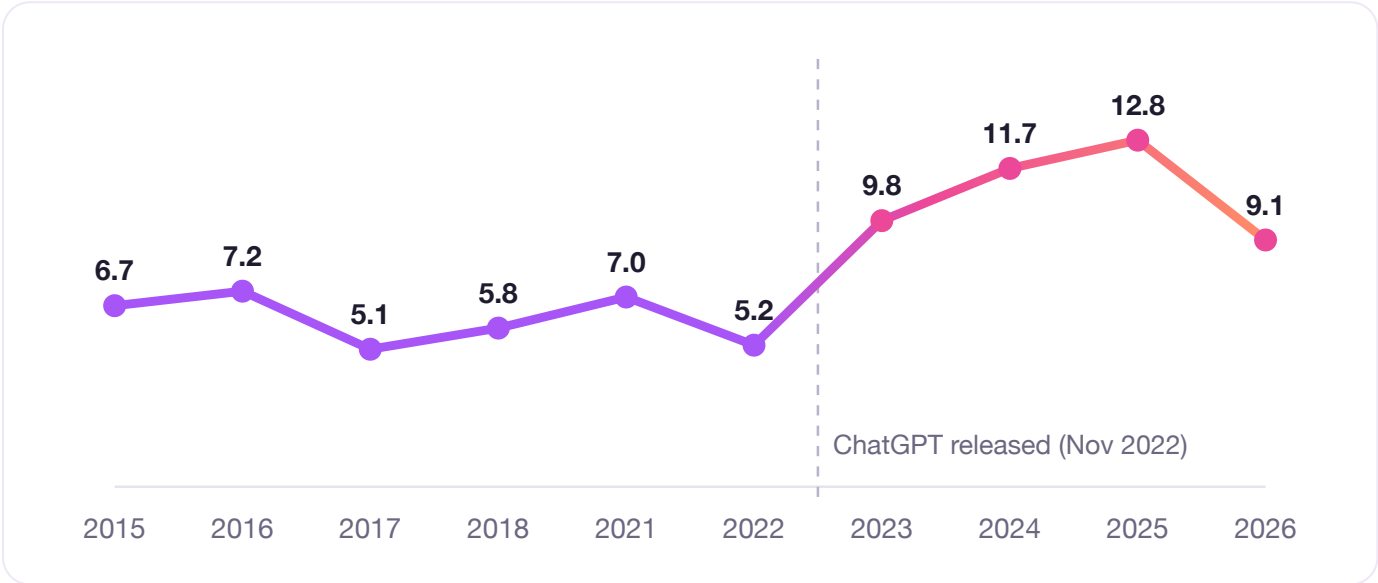
76 : 39

countries up vs down across
2024-2026, each against its
own past

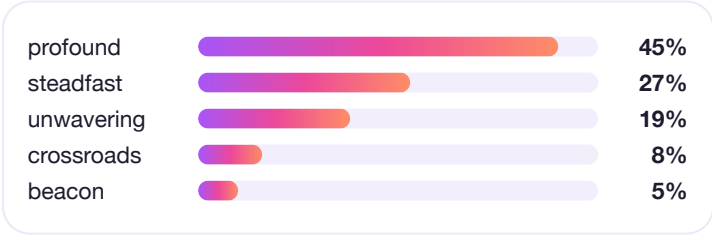
45%

of 2026 speeches used
“profound” (about 1 in 6 before
ChatGPT)

THE RATE, SESSION BY SESSION (2026 ADDED)



SHARE OF 2026 SPEECHES USING THE WORD



WHY IT IS NOT A FLUKE

- ✓ **Placebo flat:** two pre-ChatGPT periods, 55 up vs 53 down
- ✓ **Rotation:** unwavering, foster, testament fell back in 2026 while profound and steadfast kept rising
- ✓ **Control words flat:** peace, security, sovereignty (p = 0.20)
- ✓ **Not just translation:** English-official states 37 up vs 16 down
- ✓ **Topical words removed** by a rule fixed in advance

“The AI register at the UN peaked in 2025 and then started to rotate. The most talked-about words cooled, and profound moved into nearly half of all speeches. It never went back to where it was before ChatGPT.”

Firat Mihci, computational linguist and founder, HumanizeMy.ai

How it was measured: the delegations’ own English texts from gadebate.un.org (sessions 70-73 and 76-81; 2019 and 2020 are not available in comparable form), eleven words fixed before counting, uses per 10,000 words, each country compared with itself.

News hook: first measurement of the UNGA 81 general debate (September 2026). The study measures language, not authorship, and names no country or leader.