

UN General Assembly Speeches Now Sound More Like ChatGPT

Eleven grand-sounding words that AI chatbots overuse, such as unwavering, steadfast and pivotal, now appear twice as often in English UN General Debate speeches as they did before ChatGPT.

956

English statements, 2015-2025
(1.85 million words)

2×

6.1 to 12.2 uses per 10,000 words

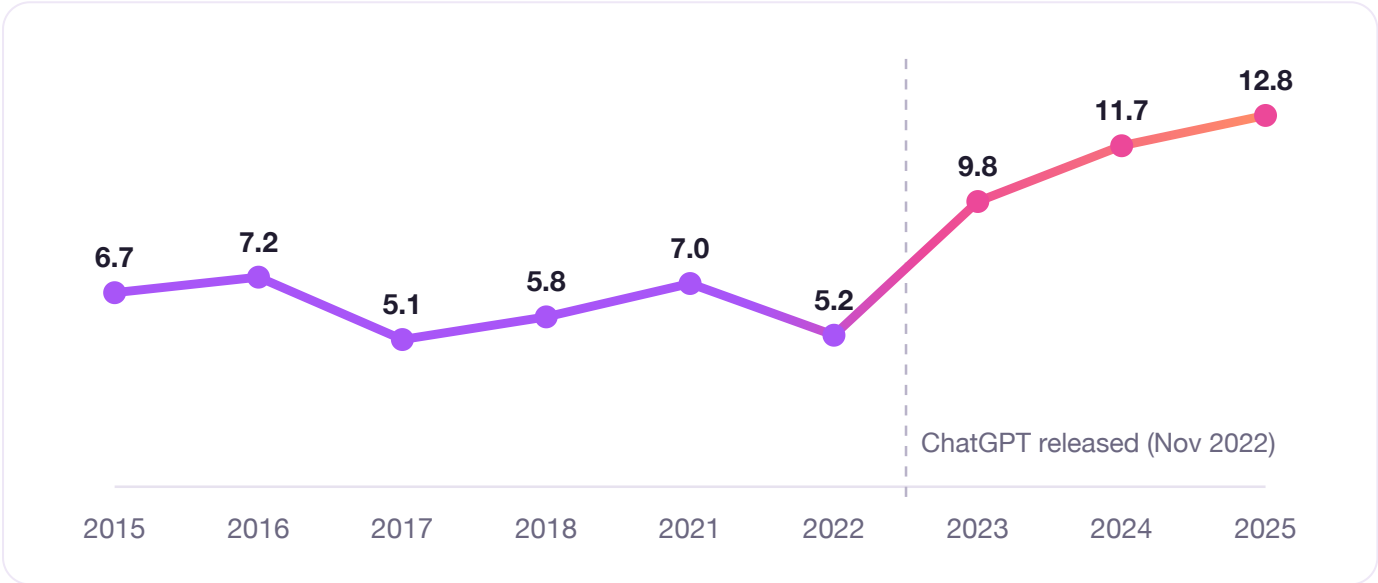
72 : 36

countries up vs down, each against its own past speeches

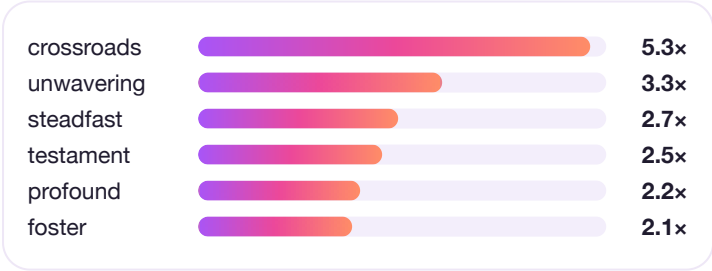
31%

of 2024 speeches used “unwavering” (about 10% before)

THE RATE, SESSION BY SESSION



BIGGEST RISERS (2024-25 VS 2015-22)



WHY IT IS NOT A FLUKE

- ✓ **Placebo flat:** two pre-ChatGPT periods, 55 up vs 53 down
- ✓ **Control words flat:** peace, security, sovereignty (p = 0.18)
- ✓ **Not just translation:** English-official states still 35 up vs 18 down
- ✓ **Topical words removed** by a rule fixed in advance

“Since ChatGPT, world leaders at the UN have been reaching for the chatbot’s favourite ceremonial words twice as often as they used to. That does not prove any leader used AI. It shows that a machine’s way of sounding important is turning into the way diplomacy sounds.”

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 76-80; 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: the UNGA 81 general debate runs 22 to 28 September 2026. The study measures language, not authorship, and names no country or leader.