UN General Assembly Sponsorship Dataset

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Version changes (v2-v4)

- Textual content of L-Documents added
- Several errors with dates were corrected

Version changes (v1-v2)

- Expanded from 2009-2020 (UNGA sessions 64-74) to 2000-2020 (55-74)
- Earlier years include states that are no longer members of the international system (YUG, SCG)
- Absolute, relative, and unweighted cells now include value "-9" for countries that were not members of the UNGA at that year
- "outcome" coding updated
- Variable "is_amendment" added

Files

- drafts 2000-2020 (S55-S74) v2 140622.xlsx
    - Excel file with 4 sheets: ldocs (prior to sequencing into drafts), drafts w absolute priority scores, drafts w relative priority scores, drafts w unweighted priority scores
- ldocs 2000-2020 (S55-S74).csv
    - L-docs prior to sequencing into drafts (csv1)
- ldocs_text.csv
    - L-docs texts (csv1)
- drafts abs 2000-2020 (S55-S74).csv
    - drafts with absolute priority scores (csv1)
- drafts rel 2000-2020 (S55-S74).csv
    - drafts with relative priority scores (csv1)

- drafts unw 2000-2020 (S55-S74).csv
    - drafts with unweighted (binary) scores (csv1)
- drafts_2000_2020_v4.RData
    - R enviroment with dataframes: drafts abs, drafts rel, drafts unw, ldocs, ldocs_text

Codebook

Ldocs	Drafts	Ldocs_text	Variables	Description
			id_undl_ldoc	Unique document ID as attributed by the UNDL interface (not a document symbol)
			id_draft	Draft ID (attributed manually)
			undocsymbol	UN Document Symbol
			ldoc_final	UN Document Symbol for the last L-Doc sequenced for the draft
			n_sponsors_final	Final number of sponsors, considering all sequenced L-Docs and withdrawals
			ldoc_or	UN Document Symbol for original L-Doc (root document of the sequence)
			n_sponsors_or	Number of sponsors of the original L-Doc
			ldoc_edit1	UN Document Symbol for 1st edit of the sequence (likewise for vars _edit2, _edit3)
			n_sponsors_ed1	Number of sponsors of the L-Doc which introduced the 1st edit (likewise for vars _ed2, _ed3)
			draft_length	Total L-Docs sequenced in the draft
			date_or	Date of original L-Doc
			date_final	Date of last sequences L-Doc
			days_elapsed	= date_final – date_or
			doc_type	Type of document (b02 draft, b01 resolution, b23 voting record)
			date	Date of L-Doc
			session	UNGA Session
			un_bodies	UN Bodies
			title	Title (L-Doc or draft title)
			version	Title of type of document (resolution, draft resolution, revised draft resolution, amendment, etc.)
			rel_orgs	Related organizations
			rel_int1	Related initiatives (see UNBISnet entry on “meeting name” for more https://www.un.org/depts/dhl/unbisref_manual/bd/guidelines/g611.htm)
			rel_int2	Related initiatives2 (see UNBISnet entry on “uniform title” [of initiatives etc] for more https://www.un.org/depts/dhl/unbisref_manual/bd/guidelines/g630.htm)
			subject_list	Subject (multiple topics) (see UNBISnet entry on “topical term” for more https://www.un.org/depts/dhl/unbisref_manual/bd/guidelines/g650.htm, see also the UNBIS Thesaurus http://metadata.un.org/thesaurus/?lang=en)
			subject_country	Subject (if specific country or region is targeted)
			subject_agenda	Subject (agenda item) (see UNBISnet entry on “agenda information” for more https://www.un.org/depts/dhl/unbisref_manual/bd/guidelines/g991.htm)
			rel_docs	Related documents
			posit_in_draft	The position of the L-Doc within the full draft
			is_amendment	Dummy for whether L-doc/Draft is an amendment to another Draft

			outcome	Adopted without a vote, Postponed or Postponed/No action, Recorded (voted; note that for draft resolutions this may or may not mean adoption; for amendments the code normally stands for adoption after a vote; see notes1 and rel_docs fields for more info at each case), Rejected (normally for amendments only), Withdrawn (or NA for L-Docs succeeded by Rev. Add. etc)
			group	Name of group or groups which presented the L-Doc
			sp_zero	Sponsor zero or original sponsor of the L-Doc
			sp_list_t	List of sponsors (extracted from Title)
			notes2	Notes (incl. information on Additional Sponsors)
			sp_withdraw	Withdrawing sponsors
			n_sponsors	Number of sponsors
			sp_list_a	List of sponsors (extracted from Authors)
			notes1	Notes (misc. information, incl. outcomes)
			text_raw	Raw text from L-Documents
			text_ed	Cleaned text from L-Documents
			par_verbs	Verbs that open the paragraphs of the L-Documents texts, separated by two dashes (--).

For more detailed information on the sponsorship data, refer to the original ISQ article and its Annex, available at Dataverse. For more on the textual content of L-Documents, please see the R&P article.