

Global Space Diplomacy in Focus: Artemis Accords, ISS Partnerships, and Lu

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1. As of April 2026, approximately how many countries have signed the Artemis Accords, establishing a framework for civil space exploration cooperation led by the United States?

- A) Around 30
- B) Over 60**
- C) Exactly 45
- D) Fewer than 20

2. Which of the following countries was among the original eight signatories of the Artemis Accords in October 2020?

- A) Germany
- B) India
- C) Japan**
- D) Brazil

3. Thailand holds a unique position in international space agreements. What distinction does it possess regarding the Artemis Accords and China's International Lunar Research Station (ILRS)?

- A) It is the only nation to have signed the ILRS and is considering the Artemis Accords.
- B) It is the first signatory to participate in both the ILRS and the Artemis Accords.**
- C) It has exclusively signed the Artemis Accords and declined all ILRS proposals.
- D) It is the sole Asian nation involved in both initiatives.

4. India's Gaganyaan mission has involved international collaboration. Which country has been providing training for Indian astronauts and facilities for pre-flight simulations?

- A) United States
- B) Japan
- C) France
- D) Russia**

5. The International Space Station (ISS) is a major international collaboration. Which of the following entities is NOT listed as a principal partner in the ISS program?

- A) European Space Agency (ESA)
- B) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- C) China National Space Administration (CNSA)**
- D) Canadian Space Agency (CSA)

6. As of December 2024, how many countries had signed the Artemis Accords?

- A) 50
- B) 52**
- C) 48
- D) 63

7. Russia has announced its intention to depart the ISS program after 2024. What is its stated plan for its future in-orbit infrastructure?

- A) To join China's International Lunar Research Station exclusively.
- B) To construct its own orbital space station.**
- C) To focus solely on robotic lunar missions.
- D) To cease all human spaceflight activities.

8. Which of the following is a stated principle of the Artemis Accords, aimed at preventing conflicts in outer space?

- A) Mandatory sharing of all proprietary space resource data.
- B) Prohibition of all commercial space activities.
- C) Transparency and interoperability of space activities.**
- D) Exclusive access to lunar resources for signatory nations.

9. India's Gaganyaan mission has also secured assistance from France for which specific aspect of the mission?

- A) Launch vehicle development
- B) Astronaut food supply
- C) Space crew medical monitoring**
- D) Orbital mechanics calculations

10. The Artemis Accords are based on which foundational international space law treaty?

- A) The Outer Space Treaty of 1972
- B) The Outer Space Treaty of 1967**
- C) The Moon Agreement of 1979
- D) The Liability Convention of 1972