

Global Space Diplomacy: Artemis Accords Surge, Lunar Base Alliances Form

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1. As of December 2024, what was the total number of signatories to the U.S.-led Artemis Accords, and which two nations became the 49th and 50th to join, respectively?

- A) 50 signatories; Austria and Panama**
- B) 52 signatories; Thailand and Liechtenstein
- C) 48 signatories; Belgium and Greece
- D) 54 signatories; Japan and Germany

2. Which of the following countries is a signatory to the Artemis Accords but also a partner in China and Russia's International Lunar Research Station (ILRS) project?

- A) United Arab Emirates
- B) India
- C) Thailand**
- D) Saudi Arabia

3. Despite geopolitical tensions, Russia and the United States have agreed to extend operations of the International Space Station (ISS) until at least which year, with a plan to work on its de-orbiting by 2030?

- A) 2028**
- B) 2030
- C) 2032
- D) 2026

4. The European Space Agency (ESA) and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) have formalized significant cooperation in planetary defense. What is the name of the joint mission to study the near-Earth asteroid Apophis, set to launch in 2028?

- A) Hera Mission
- B) BepiColombo
- C) Ramses Mission**
- D) EarthCARE

5. As of December 2024, how many countries had joined the Russian-Chinese International Lunar Research Station (ILRS) project, with Roscosmos Deputy General Director Sergei Savelyev mentioning specific countries like the UAE, South Africa, and Pakistan?

- A) Approximately 12**
- B) Over 40
- C) Exactly 20
- D) 52

6. The Artemis Accords, grounded in the Outer Space Treaty of 1967, are a non-binding set of principles. Which of the following is NOT one of the core principles explicitly mentioned as guiding civil space exploration and use under the Accords?

- A) Peaceful Purposes
- B) Transparency and Interoperability
- C) Exclusive Resource Ownership**
- D) Emergency Assistance

7. India and the UAE are expanding their cooperation in space technology. Which sector has seen a significant recent increase in cooperation between these two nations, including a major renewable energy project signed in October 2024?

- A) Human Spaceflight
- B) Satellite Technology and Space Exploration**
- C) Lunar Base Construction
- D) Asteroid Mining

8. Which international body reaffirmed the 1967 Outer Space Treaty in December 2024, despite objections from Russia, prohibiting the deployment of weapons of mass destruction in outer space?

- A) The International Space Station (ISS) Joint Commission
- B) The United Nations General Assembly**
- C) The European Space Agency (ESA)
- D) The China National Space Administration (CNSA)

9. By May 2026, the number of countries that had signed the Artemis Accords reached 67. Which of these regions has the highest number of signatories according to Secure World Foundation's tracking sheet?

- A) Africa
- B) South America
- C) Europe**
- D) Oceania

10. Russia and China plan to build a joint International Lunar Research Station (ILRS). Approximately when is the construction of this lunar base expected to begin, according to Roscosmos's roadmap?

- A) 2026
- B) 2031**
- C) 2035
- D) 2040