# The Intersection of Geopolitics and Space

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**1. Which 1967 international treaty serves as the foundational framework for international space law and prohibits the placement of nuclear weapons in orbit?**

A) The Moon Agreement
B) The Outer Space Treaty
C) The Artemis Accords
D) The Star Wars Treaty

**2. Which international body, established by the UN General Assembly in 1959, is responsible for governing the peaceful use of outer space?**

A) UNCOPUOS
B) UNESCO
C) UNICEF
D) UNHCR

**3. Under the Outer Space Treaty, which of the following is explicitly forbidden regarding celestial bodies like the Moon and Mars?**

A) Scientific research
B) Resource exploration
C) National appropriation by claim of sovereignty
D) Private telecommunications infrastructure

**4. Which major space power was the first to launch an artificial satellite, Sputnik 1, triggering the geopolitical competition known as the Space Race?**

A) United States
B) China
C) Soviet Union
D) United Kingdom

**5. What is the status of Antarctica and the Moon regarding international political claims under their respective treaties?**

A) Both are annexed by the UN
B) Both prohibit national sovereignty claims
C) Both are private property of corporations
D) Both are controlled by the Global South

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**6. The 1979 Moon Agreement attempted to establish that the Moon's resources are part of what international legal concept?**

A) Common heritage of mankind
B) Private property of the first explorer
C) State property of the launching nation
D) No man's land

**7. Which country is currently the only one to have successfully landed a rover on the far side of the Moon, a significant feat of space diplomacy and technology?**

A) India
B) Japan
C) China
D) Russia

**8. The International Space Station (ISS) is a collaborative project involving five space agencies representing which global geopolitical entities?**

A) USA, Russia, Europe, Japan, Canada
B) USA, China, India, Brazil, Australia
C) UK, France, Germany, Italy, Spain
D) NATO members only

**9. What is the primary geopolitical function of the 'Artemis Accords'?**

A) A military alliance for space defense
B) A set of non-binding principles for lunar exploration cooperation
C) A treaty to tax space mining
D) A legal ban on private space flight

**10. Which international agreement prohibits the testing of nuclear weapons in the atmosphere, in outer space, and under water?**

A) The Partial Test Ban Treaty
B) The Non-Proliferation Treaty
C) The Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty
D) The Geneva Protocol

**11. Which organization, despite being a private entity, is a key stakeholder in modern space policy due to its contracts with national governments?**

A) SpaceX
B) NASA
C) ESA
D) JAXA

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**12. In political science, the 'Kessler Syndrome' describes a scenario where the density of objects in low Earth orbit is high enough that collisions cause a cascade, creating a challenge for which global governance area?**

A) Space debris mitigation
B) Planetary defense
C) Interstellar migration
D) Deep space mining

**13. Which UN department manages the 'Register of Objects Launched into Outer Space' to maintain transparency in state activities?**

A) UNOOSA
B) UNCTAD
C) UNEP
D) UNODC

**14. What political status do 'Space Situational Awareness' (SSA) data hold among nations?**

A) Unregulated private data
B) Strategic information shared for collision avoidance
C) Forbidden for public consumption
D) Only available to the G7

**15. The concept of 'Planetary Protection' in space policy refers to preventing what?**

A) The invasion of Earth by extraterrestrials
B) Biological cross-contamination between Earth and other worlds
C) The privatization of solar power
D) The destruction of space telescopes

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