

*(English version)*

**Question for written answer E-002326/26  
to the Council  
Fabio De Masi (NI)  
(6 June 2026)**

*Subject:* Permanent NASA base on the moon

1. What is the Council's assessment from the point of view of international law (Agreement Governing the Activities of States on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies) of NASA's announcement that it will establish a permanent base on the Moon and demarcate territory using drones? <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>
2. Does the Council's agenda include any measures to prevent the militarisation of space and the unilateral appropriation of space resources?
3. Is the Council committed to establishing new multilateral mechanisms in this area or to updating existing ones, or does it consider the current agreements to be sufficient?

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**Reply  
(21 September 2026)**

The Council has not discussed the issue raised by the Honourable Member in the first question, nor is it currently discussing new multilateral mechanisms in this regard (third question).

As concerns the second question, the Council coordinates with the EEAS and the Member States within the framework of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS), in which the EU has Permanent Observer status, to work on preventing the militarisation of space and the appropriation of space resources.

In this context, and in line with the Council Conclusions <sup>(1)</sup> of 23 May 2023, which highlight the Council's commitment to peaceful and long-term sustainable activities in Outer Space, the EU regularly coordinates on ways and means of maintaining Outer Space for peaceful purposes.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.faz.net/aktuell/feuilleton/debatten/die-nasa-will-auf-dem-mond-grenzen-feststecken-accg-200875298.html>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.spiegel.de/wissenschaft/weltall/artemis-die-nasa-moechte-einen-drohenschwarm-zum-mond-schicken-a-40168e10-d2e2-402e-96ed-5c7f9906bb86>.

<sup>(1)</sup> Document 9675/23