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Issue: The issue of militarization of space

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# INTRODUCTION

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- The militarization of space refers to the increased presence and deployment of military assets and strategies in outer space. The militarization of space has emerged as a major worldwide issue, representing the junction of national security and technical progress. As governments become more reliant on space for military operations, communications, and monitoring, the possibility of an arms race in this domain grows.
- The engagement of private firms in space activities complicates governance and accountability by combining economic and military objectives. Militarism has far-reaching consequences that jeopardise global stability and cooperation.
- Addressing this challenge requires joint efforts to guarantee that space remains a domain for peaceful exploration and equitable use, while balancing security concerns with international cooperation.

# Background Information

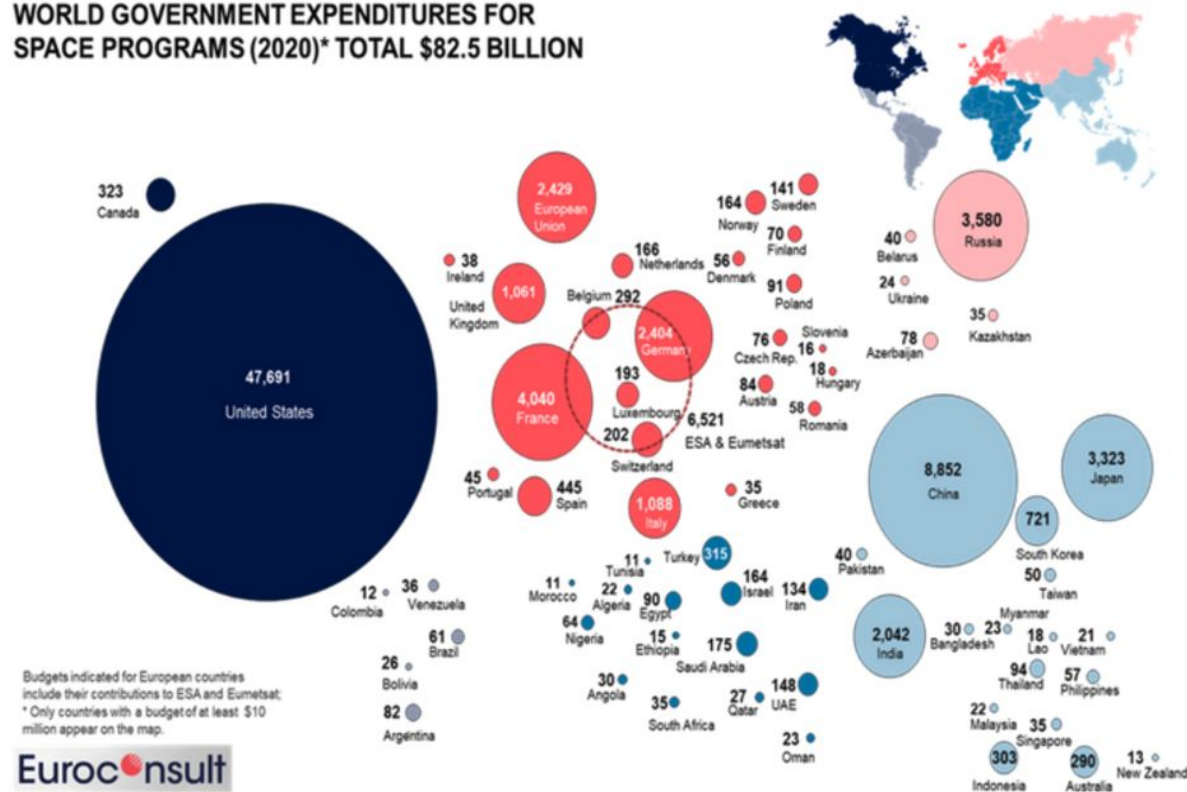
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## SOME CAUSES:

- **Geopolitical Rivalries:** Tensions between major powers such as the United States, China, and Russia foster a climate in which military presence in space is viewed as an essential for intimidation and power.
- **Privatization of Space:** The increased engagement of private firms in space research has military implications, as commercial goals frequently align with national security objectives.
- **Cybersecurity Concerns:** As nations rely more on space-based systems for key infrastructure, they become more vulnerable to cyber assaults, pushing them to strengthen their space defense capabilities.
- **Increased Surveillance Needs:** The demand for better surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities motivates expenditures in space-based military systems.

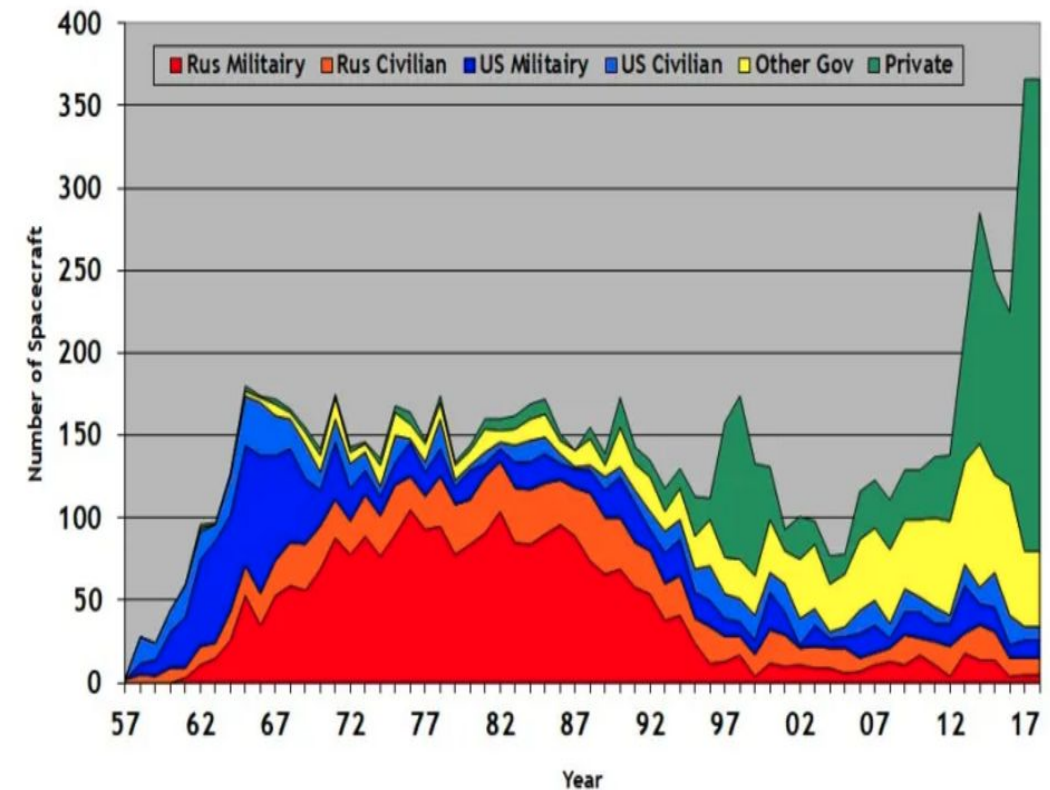
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WORLD GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FOR SPACE PROGRAMS (2020)\* TOTAL \$82.5 BILLION



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Number of Spacecraft Launched, 1957-2017



# **Relevant Treaties or Past Solutions**

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- **Outer Space Treaty of 1967-2222 (XXI)**
- **Moon Agreement -34/68**
- **The Registration Convention-3235 (XXIX)**
- **Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities”  
(document A/C.1/76/L.60)**
- **Further practical measures for the prevention of an arms race in outer space”  
(document A/C.1/76/L.53)**
- **Prevention of an arms race in outer space” (document A/C.1/76/L.3)**

# POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

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- Addressing the militarization of space requires a multifaceted approach. Strengthening and updating international treaties like the Outer Space Treaty can provide a legal framework to prohibit weapons in space. Promoting transparency through regular reporting and confidence-building measures can enhance trust among nations.
- Establishing guidelines for dual-use technologies ensures military applications are regulated, while enhancing space situational awareness helps prevent misunderstandings. Engaging the private sector in discussions about responsible practices is crucial, as is investing in technologies that promote safety without military intent.

# APPENDICE

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## I. [Space Law: Resolutions \(unoosa.org\)](http://unoosa.org)

- *This link provides past resolutions passed by the UN.*

## II. <https://youtu.be/cd4CJOlaJ3o>

- *This link provides a video about basic information about militarization of space.*

## II. [Understanding the Militarization of Space: Implications for Security - Total Military Insight](#)

- *This link provides a document about the issue , a good document for review .*