



Ministry of Economic Affairs  
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### **Statement on the occasion of the Signing of the Artemis Accords by Finland**

The Artemis Accords are a non-binding declaration expressing a political understanding on principles, guidelines, and practices that are to promote safe and sustainable exploration and use of space and celestial bodies. Finland notes that the Artemis Accords reaffirm the importance of the four United Nations (*UN*) Treaties on Outer Space to which Finland is a State Party to, namely the Outer Space Treaty, the Rescue and Return Agreement, the Liability Convention, and the Registration Convention. By signing the Artemis Accords, we wish to engage in the exchange of ideas among Artemis Accords signatories to strengthen the application of these UN Space Treaties in civil space activities.

Finland will carry out its activities as an Artemis Accords signatory in accordance with its obligations under international law and objectives of promoting international co-operation and understanding. In this spirit, we will conduct activities with due regard to the relevant interests of all other States and continue to support the development of space law at multilateral forum. We recognize the UN and especially its Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (*COPUOS*) as the primary forum for ensuring that space activities for peaceful purposes and related regulatory developments are carried out in accordance with international law, the UN Space Treaties in particular.

Additional fora, such as the Artemis Accords signatory group, can complement the indispensable work of COPUOS, and we note that according to the Artemis Accords, the Signatories intend to use their experience under the Accords to contribute to the multilateral discussions, including those at COPUOS. Accordingly, also utilizing the experience to be gained under the Artemis Accords, Finland will continue to support the work of COPUOS and its subcommittees with the aim of enhancing multilateral cooperation and governance of space activities on celestial bodies.