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New nation of Asgardia established in space – 29th June, 2018

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A Russian, billionaire scientist is the leader of our first ever nation in space. He set up the space nation of Asgardia at a ceremony in Austria. He stated that: "This day will certainly be recorded in...history as one of the greatest events for humankind." He added: "I can therefore declare with confidence that Asgardia - the first space nation of the united humankind - has been born." He said it was a project that would see human colonies on the Moon.

Asgardia is named after Asgard - a flying city in ancient Scandinavian mythology. Around 200,000 people have signed up to be citizens. Within the next 10 years, this should be 150 million. It will be the ninth most populous country. New citizens must pass an intelligence test and pay an annual membership of 100 euros. Asgardia has a goal to launch high-tech arks in space where Asgardian citizens can live, grow food and be financially successful.

Level 5

A Russian computer scientist is the leader of humankind's first ever nation in space. The Russian, a billionaire, set up the space nation of Asgardia at a ceremony in Austria. In his inauguration address, he stated that: "This day will certainly be recorded in...history as one of the greatest events for humankind. We have established all branches of government. I can therefore declare with confidence that Asgardia - the first space nation of the united humankind - has been born." He said it was a "humanitarian project" that would see the colonization of space and human colonies on the Moon.

Asgardia is named after Asgard - a flying city in ancient Scandinavian mythology. Around 200,000 people have signed up to be Asgardian citizens. Within the next 10 years, it should have a population of 150 million, making it the ninth most populous country. Would-be Asgard citizens will have to pass an IQ test to prove their intelligence, and pay an annual membership of 100 euros. Asgardia has a long-term goal to launch life-sustaining, high-tech arks in space where Asgardian citizens can live, grow food and be financially successful.

Level 6

A Russian billionaire has attended his inauguration as leader of humankind's first ever nation in space. Igor Ashurbeyli, a computer scientist, established the space nation of Asgardia at a ceremony in Vienna, Austria on Monday. In his inauguration address, Mr Ashurbeyli stated that: "This day will certainly be recorded in the annals of history as one of the greatest events for humankind. We have established all branches of government. I can therefore declare with confidence that Asgardia - the first space nation of the united humankind - has been born." He also said his nation was a "global humanitarian project" that would pioneer the future colonization of space and set up human colonies on the Moon.

Asgardia is named after Asgard - a flying city in ancient Scandinavian mythology. It already has a growing number of would-be citizens. Around 200,000 people have signed up to claim their Asgardian nationality. Within the next 10 years, Asgardia hopes to amass a population of 150 million. This would make it the ninth most populous country. Future candidates to become an Asgard national will have to pass an IQ test to prove they are of a higher intelligence. They will also have to pay an annual membership of 100 euros. Asgardia has a long-term goal to launch life-sustaining, high-tech, verdant arks in space, where Asgardian citizens can live and prosper.