

# Space Exploration Conference

## Prague, 23 October 2009

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

#### Thursday 22 October 2009

##### DINNER

Offered by the Czech Government for the EU and ESA Ministers only

19h30-22h00

##### WORKING DINNER

- Welcome by Czech Minister **Miroslava Kopicová**
- Keynote speech by former Astronaut **Thomas Reiter**

#### Friday 23 October 2009

08h00-09h00

##### BREAKFAST

Offered by the Czech Government to EU and ESA Ministers and Members of the European and National Parliaments

- **INTRODUCTION BY THE SWEDISH MINISTER**
- Informal discussion moderated by Vice President **Günter Verheugen** and Director General **Jean-Jacques Dordain**

##### CONFERENCE

09h30-10h00

##### OPENING SESSION

- Keynote address by Czech Minister **Miroslava Kopicová**
- Keynote address by Vice President **Günter Verheugen**
- Keynote address by Italian Minister **Mariastella Gelmini** (ESA Presidency)

10h00-10h20

##### LIVE LINK WITH ISS

- Moderator: Minister and former Astronaut **Claudie Haigneré**
- Live link with the ISS (10 min)
- Presentation of new ESA Astronauts

10h30-12h30

##### BREAKOUT SESSIONS ON "EUROPE'S ROLE IN SPACE EXPLORATION" CHAired BY ESA DIRECTOR GENERAL J. J. DORDAIN, CDTI DIRECTOR

## **GENERAL M. LUCENA, AND MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

**12h30-14h00**

**LUNCH**

**14h00-17h00**

**AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION**

- Co-chaired by Czech Minister **Miroslava Kopicová** together with Vice President **Günter Verheugen**
- Presentation of the morning sessions' results by French Minister **Valérie Pécresse**, DE and UK Ministers (TBC)

**17h00-17h30**

**CLOSING**

- Conclusions by Director General **Jean-Jacques Dordain**
- Closing remarks by Vice President **Günter Verheugen**

**17h30-**

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