

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-

TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT