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00:00:00,996 --> 00:00:06,066
[Speaking Russian] Translator:
We are online with the station.

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00:00:06,066 --> 00:00:06,776
Please go ahead.

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00:00:08,096 --> 00:00:13,216
Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin
[translator]: Hello dear friends, colleagues.

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00:00:15,156 --> 00:00:19,546
Flight Engineer Alexander
Kaleri [translator]: Good day.

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00:00:19,906 --> 00:00:29,936
The crew of Expedition 26 to
the ISS is happy to greet you.

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00:00:29,936 --> 00:00:35,886
Putin [translator]: I would
like to greet everybody

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00:00:35,886 --> 00:00:39,386
at the Mission Control, everybody on orbit.

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00:00:39,696 --> 00:00:51,146
I would like to start our conversation today
with the words of the wholehearted condolences.

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00:00:51,746 --> 00:00:58,466
Which I would like to express to the
commander of increment 26, Mr. Scott Kelly,

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00:00:58,936 --> 00:01:04,206
in relation to the assassination attempt
to the Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords.

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00:01:04,736 --> 00:01:12,186

I would like to assure you that
there are no people in Russia

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00:01:12,186 --> 00:01:17,266

who are not touched by this terrible news.

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00:01:19,016 --> 00:01:28,666

We know that Mrs. Giffords is the wife
of your brother, a NASA astronaut,

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00:01:28,666 --> 00:01:32,676

who has visited Moscow on several occasions.

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00:01:33,346 --> 00:01:39,896

We express our deepest condolences
to your family and to all those

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00:01:39,896 --> 00:01:43,886

who were touched by this terrible crime.

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00:01:45,166 --> 00:01:51,206

Going back to our current
situation, to our ongoing work,

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I would like to wish you a successful mission.

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00:01:57,136 --> 00:02:06,946

I am hoping that your flight program will be
completed successfully, that you will be able

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00:02:06,946 --> 00:02:09,036

to achieve all your goals and objectives.

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We have gathered here today on the ground to
have a meeting of the organization committee

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for the celebration of the anniversary
of the flight of Yuri Gagarin,

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the first human to venture into space
and to open this road to all of us.

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This year which has been designated the
year of spaceflight in Russia will be marked

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by many events commemorating space
research and human space exploration.

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These will be events that will be spectacular
in nature and designed to spark the interest

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00:03:03,126 --> 00:03:08,796

in the space exploration amongst general public.

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Your work is very exciting and important.

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I know that your crew is coming back to
the Earth in the spring and I invite all

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00:03:20,136 --> 00:03:22,536

of you to participate in the events.

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00:03:22,856 --> 00:03:26,156

All the best to you.

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00:03:26,376 --> 00:03:33,196

Commander Scott Kelly [translator]:
Thank you very much.

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00:03:33,196 --> 00:03:35,986

Of course I will pass on
your words to my brother.

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Kaleri [translator]: Thank you very much for
your warm words of support and your wishes.

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We will of course complete our mission.

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During the last ten years the
station has grown immensely.

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But we have alot of work.

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The station is run by six-person crew.

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00:04:04,376 --> 00:04:14,116

We are incrementing our operations
daily so this work is ongoing.

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00:04:14,316 --> 00:04:17,886

Today is a good example.

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00:04:17,916 --> 00:04:26,436

We are performing certain
activities on the station systems,

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00:04:26,596 --> 00:04:28,786

performing operations with the payloads.

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00:04:28,786 --> 00:04:33,656

So it is life as usual onboard the station.

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00:04:33,656 --> 00:04:38,596

However, we are talking to you
on the eve of the anniversary

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00:04:38,596 --> 00:04:42,206
of the birth of Konstantin Tsiolkovsky.

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00:04:42,716 --> 00:04:49,196
He was the harbinger of those
momentous achievements

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00:04:49,686 --> 00:04:52,416
that we will be celebrating this year.

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00:04:52,616 --> 00:04:59,056
Putin [translator]: Let me wish
you all the best one more time.

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00:04:59,756 --> 00:05:03,286
Kaleri [translator]: Thank you very much.

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00:05:03,286 --> 00:05:10,936
Thank you for your wishes and also thank you
for the support that you have been providing

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00:05:10,936 --> 00:05:13,706
to the manned spaceflight program.

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00:05:13,706 --> 00:05:21,156
We do feel the support and
we will be worthy of it.

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00:05:21,346 --> 00:05:29,656
Putin [translator]: We will be talking on
the ground today with our national programs

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00:05:29,766 --> 00:05:34,306
and we will also be talking about those events

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00:05:34,306 --> 00:05:39,756

that we will be staging to
commemorate Gagarin's flight.

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00:05:39,756 --> 00:05:41,886

Thank you and have a good flight.

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00:05:42,126 --> 00:05:45,166

Kaleri [translator]: Thank you very much.