

A man with short, dark hair, wearing a blue polo shirt, is speaking and gesturing with his hands. The background is a solid blue color. A small logo is visible on the left chest of his shirt. A blue banner at the bottom of the frame contains his name and title.

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00:00:07,749 --> 00:00:05,749
for the astronauts and cosmonauts on the

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00:00:11,190 --> 00:00:07,759
international space station's expedition

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00:00:13,430 --> 00:00:11,200
41 the main job these days is simple to

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00:00:15,589 --> 00:00:13,440
explain they are there to conduct

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00:00:17,430 --> 00:00:15,599
scientific experiments and make

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00:00:19,429 --> 00:00:17,440
discoveries

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00:00:23,349 --> 00:00:19,439
a real opportunity to do something

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00:00:26,470 --> 00:00:23,359
useful something helpful for humankind

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00:00:29,750 --> 00:00:26,480
so that humankind in the future

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00:00:32,389 --> 00:00:29,760
would live better longer

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00:00:34,150 --> 00:00:32,399
happier that they develop that has been

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00:00:36,150 --> 00:00:34,160
more comfortable

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00:00:37,990 --> 00:00:36,160

although after years of preparing for

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00:00:40,549 --> 00:00:38,000

this flight the station crew members

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00:00:43,270 --> 00:00:40,559

have also learned that their successes

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00:00:44,470 --> 00:00:43,280

may come as a complete surprise and

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00:00:45,910 --> 00:00:44,480

that's good

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00:00:47,510 --> 00:00:45,920

i think

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00:00:50,229 --> 00:00:47,520

the biggest thing will be almost the

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00:00:51,990 --> 00:00:50,239

accidental discovery you take these

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00:00:53,830 --> 00:00:52,000

incredible experi experiments that have

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00:00:55,750 --> 00:00:53,840

a lot of thought and you put them into a

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00:00:57,430 --> 00:00:55,760

microgravity environment and you just

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00:00:58,389 --> 00:00:57,440

really never know what the outcome will

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00:01:00,470 --> 00:00:58,399

be

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00:01:03,029 --> 00:01:00,480

the dozens and dozens of science

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00:01:05,350 --> 00:01:03,039

experiments include some that take place

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00:01:07,990 --> 00:01:05,360

on the exterior of the station without

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00:01:10,390 --> 00:01:08,000

the human crew's involvement such as the

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00:01:12,630 --> 00:01:10,400

alpha magnetic spectrometer gathering

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00:01:14,550 --> 00:01:12,640

cosmic particles in the search for dark

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00:01:16,630 --> 00:01:14,560

matter and dark energy or the

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00:01:18,950 --> 00:01:16,640

hyperspectral imager for the coastal

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00:01:21,429 --> 00:01:18,960

oceans viewing light in hundreds of

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00:01:23,670 --> 00:01:21,439

wavelengths to reveal details about the

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00:01:25,590 --> 00:01:23,680

conditions along the coasts

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00:01:27,830 --> 00:01:25,600

the experiments conducted inside the

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00:01:30,550 --> 00:01:27,840

station cover a range of scientific

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00:01:33,350 --> 00:01:30,560

disciplines with a special emphasis on

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00:01:35,830 --> 00:01:33,360

human life sciences

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00:01:38,310 --> 00:01:35,840

as to the medical experiments

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00:01:42,230 --> 00:01:38,320

they are very important

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00:01:43,350 --> 00:01:42,240

because humanity is striving to

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00:01:44,550 --> 00:01:43,360

explore

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00:01:47,190 --> 00:01:44,560

space

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00:01:50,710 --> 00:01:47,200

and conquer other planets this is why we

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00:01:51,670 --> 00:01:50,720

need to understand what we need to do to

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00:01:54,389 --> 00:01:51,680

protect

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00:01:56,630 --> 00:01:54,399

future astronauts and cosmonauts

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00:01:59,350 --> 00:01:56,640

these experiments are designed to learn

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00:02:01,749 --> 00:01:59,360
how human bodies respond to being in

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00:02:03,830 --> 00:02:01,759
weightlessness in order to develop ways

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00:02:06,389 --> 00:02:03,840
to counter the negative effects of that

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00:02:08,469 --> 00:02:06,399
exposure so future space explorers can

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00:02:09,430 --> 00:02:08,479
be kept healthy and able to do their

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00:02:11,830 --> 00:02:09,440
jobs

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00:02:15,430 --> 00:02:11,840
but human life sciences isn't the whole

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00:02:18,309 --> 00:02:15,440
of the station's scientific agenda

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00:02:20,710 --> 00:02:18,319
some physics or chemical experiments

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00:02:24,550 --> 00:02:20,720
that we run

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00:02:28,309 --> 00:02:24,560
maybe for creating some solid substances

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00:02:30,309 --> 00:02:28,319
of the future or something to develop

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00:02:33,750 --> 00:02:30,319

medical

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00:02:35,990 --> 00:02:33,760

treatments that is of a huge advantage

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00:02:39,190 --> 00:02:36,000

to humankind and we believe it will

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00:02:41,509 --> 00:02:39,200

benefit this humankind we actually fly

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00:02:43,589 --> 00:02:41,519

an electromagnetic levitator which is

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00:02:46,309 --> 00:02:43,599

alloy furnace that heats

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00:02:48,869 --> 00:02:46,319

these alloys that we want to look at to

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00:02:51,030 --> 00:02:48,879

several thousand degrees so they melt

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00:02:54,229 --> 00:02:51,040

and they don't touch any

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00:02:56,229 --> 00:02:54,239

vessel any any any box around them and

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00:02:57,430 --> 00:02:56,239

that's the way to investigate these

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00:02:59,270 --> 00:02:57,440

alloys

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00:03:01,110 --> 00:02:59,280

there is also research into new

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00:03:03,830 --> 00:03:01,120
technologies that would support future

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00:03:04,630 --> 00:03:03,840
exploration as well as improve life on

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00:03:07,350 --> 00:03:04,640
earth

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00:03:08,710 --> 00:03:07,360
if we are going to send humans to mars

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00:03:10,869 --> 00:03:08,720
you just you'll never know what will

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00:03:12,790 --> 00:03:10,879
break and if we have a 3d printer where

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00:03:14,949 --> 00:03:12,800
we could just boom print out a part

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00:03:18,229 --> 00:03:14,959
throw it in the machine fix whatever's

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00:03:22,149 --> 00:03:18,239
broken this really opens up a whole new

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00:03:24,070 --> 00:03:22,159
dimension of long range space travels

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00:03:26,789 --> 00:03:24,080
the station crew members are also

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00:03:29,670 --> 00:03:26,799
charged with maintaining station systems

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00:03:31,670 --> 00:03:29,680

that means some routine tasks inside on

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00:03:34,149 --> 00:03:31,680

a daily and weekly basis

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00:03:36,309 --> 00:03:34,159

but could also mean going outside on

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00:03:38,470 --> 00:03:36,319

spacewalks from time to time

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00:03:40,710 --> 00:03:38,480

sarayev and semokuthiayev are scheduled

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00:03:42,550 --> 00:03:40,720

to make such a spacewalk early on in the

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00:03:44,390 --> 00:03:42,560

mission

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00:03:46,869 --> 00:03:44,400

in this case we're going to clean up the

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00:03:49,670 --> 00:03:46,879

outside of the station some of the

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00:03:51,110 --> 00:03:49,680

equipment is outdated we will need to

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00:03:52,710 --> 00:03:51,120

remove it

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00:03:54,309 --> 00:03:52,720

some of it will need to be brought

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00:03:56,630 --> 00:03:54,319

inside the station

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00:03:59,110 --> 00:03:56,640
that eva will be supported inside the

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00:04:01,110 --> 00:03:59,120
station by sorova the first female

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00:04:04,390 --> 00:04:01,120
russian cosmonaut to fly since elena

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00:04:06,550 --> 00:04:04,400
kondakova in 1997 and the first to serve

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00:04:07,509 --> 00:04:06,560
as a resident crew member on this space

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00:04:11,509 --> 00:04:07,519
station

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00:04:17,189 --> 00:04:13,830
i never thought about it too much

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00:04:20,390 --> 00:04:17,199
because space is what i do for work

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00:04:21,349 --> 00:04:20,400
and that's what i think about it it's my

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00:04:24,310 --> 00:04:21,359
work

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00:04:26,390 --> 00:04:24,320
but obviously for russian women

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00:04:28,390 --> 00:04:26,400
it might be

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00:04:30,870 --> 00:04:28,400

a breakthrough

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00:04:33,189 --> 00:04:30,880

in this area

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00:04:35,749 --> 00:04:33,199

the crew compliment changes in november

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00:04:37,749 --> 00:04:35,759

when saraiv wiseman and gerst depart for

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00:04:40,710 --> 00:04:37,759

earth leaving wilmore as station

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00:04:43,510 --> 00:04:40,720

commander for expedition 42. two weeks

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00:04:45,909 --> 00:04:43,520

later he'll welcome three new crewmates

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00:04:48,469 --> 00:04:45,919

nasa's terry virts cosmonaut anton

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00:04:50,310 --> 00:04:48,479

shkaplerov of roscosmos and european

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00:04:52,390 --> 00:04:50,320

space agency astronaut samantha

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00:04:54,629 --> 00:04:52,400

christopher reddy of italy europe's

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00:04:57,030 --> 00:04:54,639

first female station crew member and

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00:04:59,590 --> 00:04:57,040

esa's representative on hand when the

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00:05:02,390 --> 00:04:59,600
last of its automated transfer vehicles

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00:05:04,469 --> 00:05:02,400
undocks from the station in january

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00:05:06,870 --> 00:05:04,479
early next year wilmore and verts are

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00:05:09,270 --> 00:05:06,880
slated for spacewalks that are designed

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00:05:11,350 --> 00:05:09,280
to literally lay some of the groundwork

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00:05:13,830 --> 00:05:11,360
for new docking adapters that will be

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00:05:15,909 --> 00:05:13,840
installed later to accommodate future

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00:05:16,950 --> 00:05:15,919
commercial crew vehicles from the united

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00:05:18,790 --> 00:05:16,960
states

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00:05:20,469 --> 00:05:18,800
the power cables and systems that were

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00:05:22,870 --> 00:05:20,479
designed for the shuttle system are not

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00:05:24,469 --> 00:05:22,880
the same for these docking adapters so

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00:05:25,670 --> 00:05:24,479

eventually these docking adapters go on

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00:05:27,270 --> 00:05:25,680

but when they get there they gotta have

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00:05:29,029 --> 00:05:27,280

power so

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00:05:31,110 --> 00:05:29,039

terry verts and i right now are

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00:05:33,110 --> 00:05:31,120

scheduled to run some cables we're the

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00:05:35,830 --> 00:05:33,120

cable guys

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00:05:38,469 --> 00:05:35,840

the work by the expedition 41 and 42

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00:05:40,550 --> 00:05:38,479

crews is yet another step down the road

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00:05:43,430 --> 00:05:40,560

to the day when men and women from earth

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00:05:47,189 --> 00:05:43,440

will leave this planet to find out

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00:05:52,710 --> 00:05:49,670

if we work all together

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00:05:55,189 --> 00:05:52,720

we can build not only the international

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00:05:57,110 --> 00:05:55,199

space station but we can explore other

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00:05:59,749 --> 00:05:57,120

planets

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00:06:03,110 --> 00:05:59,759

if we work together if we cooperate as

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00:06:06,710 --> 00:06:03,120

partners it would enable us to achieve

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00:06:09,029 --> 00:06:06,720

much more it's just a testament to what

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00:06:11,350 --> 00:06:09,039

what we can do as people when we're

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00:06:13,749 --> 00:06:11,360

given the opportunity with a common goal

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00:06:16,710 --> 00:06:13,759

and we set our differences aside and we

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00:06:19,510 --> 00:06:16,720

work for that common goal to do things