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Fifteen years ago, on December 10, 1998, the first two elements of the International Space

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Station were

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attached in Earth's orbit.

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Commanding space shuttle Endeavour on STS-88 was Bob Cabana, now Director of NASA's Kennedy

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Space Center.

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"We were carrying Unity up in the payload bay.

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So we had to take Unity out of the payload bay and attach it

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to the orbiter docking station.

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We say docking with it -- we fired the jets and put the two pieces together.

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Then we had to rendezvous with the Russian Functional Cargo Block."

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While ISS expedition crews came and went, assembly continued through the next-to-last

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00:00:46,980 --> 00:00:48,780
space shuttle mission,

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00:00:48,780 --> 00:00:51,789
STS-134, in 2011.

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With more livable space than your average
five-bedroom house, the International Space

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00:00:56,570 --> 00:01:01,890
Station now is home to astronauts and cosmonauts
conducting world-class scientific research

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in humankind's

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only laboratory in microgravity

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"You've got the United States, Japan, Canada,
the European Space Agency and all its partners,

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Russia, we're

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all working together as one up there.