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Dear Space Professionals,

This year the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) marks its 50th Anniversary

In the past five decades, the Academy has brought together the world's leading experts in disciplines of astronautics on a regular basis to recognize the accomplishments of their peers, to explore and debate cutting-edge issues in space research and technology, and to provide direction and guidance in the non-military uses of space and the ongoing exploration of the solar system.

Celebration of the IAA 50th Anniversary

The 50th Anniversary of the IAA will be recognized and celebrated throughout the second half of the year with a series of symposia around the globe, and will culminate with a Space Agencies Summit on November 17, 2010 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington DC.

Space Agencies Summit Preparation: Four Themes

To serve as the foundation for discussion among the Summiteers, four IAA Study Groups composed of renown international experts in Climate Change/Green Systems; Human Space Flight; Disaster Management/Natural Hazards; and Planetary Robotic Exploration have been assembled last year and are actively engaged in developing position papers and recommendations for deliberation by Agencies.

This is a historic and unique event as not only do we have 17 Space Agencies that have confirmed their participation in the Summit to-date but also we have thorough studies that will support their discussions and provide background expert documentation.

Space Agencies Summit: Resolution

The attempt is to reach a broad consensus on international cooperation and coordination at the highest level with specific emphasis on those four areas and eventually consider new concrete initiatives of cooperation. It is our intent to avoid any duplication of on-going efforts but rather to foster closer international coordination across the four topics areas to strengthen the effectiveness and support of global space activities.

We will get back to you in a few months with some updates.

Best Regards,

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IAA Secretary General