

Getting the International Space Station back on track

The launch of space shuttle *Atlantis* is expected to be the first of several planned missions aimed at completing the International Space Station by 2010

ASSEMBLY TIMELINE *Estimated*

- 1** P3 / P4 truss and solar array: Aug 2006
- 2** P5 truss: Dec 2006
- 3** S3 / S4 truss and solar array: Feb 2007
- 4** S5 truss: Jun 2007
- 5** Node 2: Aug 2007

6 European *Columbus* Laboratory: Sep 2007

7 Japanese Logistics Module: Nov 2007

8 Canadian *Dextre* robotic hand: Nov 2007

9 Japanese Pressurised Module and robotic arm Feb 2008

10 S6 truss and solar array: Jun 2008

11 Russian Laboratory Module: Aug 2008

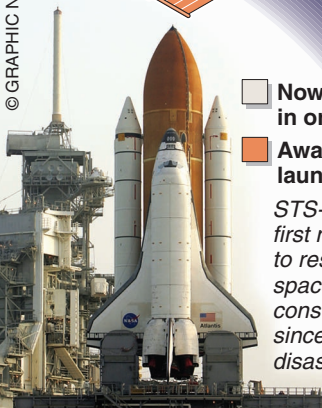
12 Japanese Exposed Facility Oct 2008

13 Node 3 / Cupola Jan 2010

14 Russian Research Module: Tba

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STS-115 is first mission to resume space station construction since Columbia disaster in 2003

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