

# WORLD AGENDA

FEBRUARY 2010

**1 February 12-28, Vancouver:** Competitors from around 100 nations take part in the 21st Winter Olympic Games in Canada.

Women's ski-jumping, despite an appeal, is excluded from the list of sports



**2 Feb 5-6, Iqaluit:** G7 finance ministers meeting in Canada are expected to put pressure on China to allow a more flexible yuan. Beijing has resisted pressure to strengthen its currency, which some economists say gives it an unfair export advantage

**3 Feb 27, Milan:** **Silvio Berlusconi** is due in court accused of bribing a former tax lawyer U.S.\$600,000 to lie in court in the 1990s.

The Italian Prime Minister is on trial after his immunity from prosecution while in office was lifted last year



**4 Feb 20, Reykjavik:** Iceland is due to hold a referendum on whether to repay Britain and the Netherlands more than \$5 billion their savers lost when Icelandic banks collapsed in 2008



**6 February, Tehran:** Iran says it is to hold "large-scale military exercises" to prepare its forces to repel an offensive by the nation's enemies. The report comes amid escalating tensions over Iran's nuclear programme

**5 Feb 7, Florida:**

Europe's final two major components for the **International Space Station** are flown to the platform on board the shuttle **Endeavour**. **Tranquility** is a connecting module to house life support equipment while the **Cupola** is a robotic control room



**8 Feb, South Africa:**

**Caster Semenya**, the athlete whose gender was questioned after she stormed to 800m World Championship gold in 2009, may return to competition. Her gender tests results have not been released



**7 Feb 1, Wellington:** Eighteen scientists from Australia and New Zealand set sail for Antarctica to conduct non-lethal studies of minke, humpback and blue whale populations. They plan to disprove Japan's claims that whales must be killed to be studied

