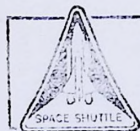
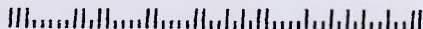


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Mission STS-84 aboard Atlantis will be the sixth docking of the Space Shuttle with the Russian Space Station Mir. Atlantis is scheduled to rendezvous and dock with Mir at an altitude of 213 nautical miles late in the day after launch. Once docked, Mission Specialist astronaut C. Michael Foale will take his place aboard the Russian space station as a member of the Mir-23 crew for a planned stay of about four months. He will replace astronaut Jerry M. Linenger, who has been on Mir since Atlantis last docked with the orbiting outpost during the STS-81 mission that was launched on Jan. 12, 1997.

THE STS-84 CREW - Mission Commander **Charles J. Precourt, Jr.** will lead the crew of four other veteran space flyers and two rookies on the flight to Mir. Precourt, a colonel in the Air Force, became an astronaut in 1991 and STS-84 will be his third space voyage and second Mir docking. **Eileen M. Collins**, an astronaut since 1991, will serve as pilot. Her initial space flight was as the first woman Shuttle pilot on STS-63 in 1995, the first Shuttle-Mir rendezvous mission. Three-time space voyager Foale was a fellow crew member with Collins on STS-63, and also flew as a mission specialist on two prior flights. An astronaut since 1988, he trained at the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center in Star City, Russia, in preparation for the Mir long duration flight. NASA astronauts also serving as mission specialists are **Carlos I. Noriega** and **Edward Tsang Lu**, both of whom are first-time space flyers. Noriega, a native of Lima, Peru, and a major in the U.S. Marine Corps, was selected as an astronaut candidate in 1994. Lu, who was a doctorate in applied physics, reported for training as an NASA astronaut in 1995. Mission Specialist **Jean-Francois Clervoy** of France is an astronaut with the French Space Agency (ESA) before joining ESA's astronaut corps in 1992 and flew once before in space. On STS-84, Russian Space Agency cosmonaut **Elena V. Kondakova** will be making her second space flight, but her first on the Space Shuttle. She spent 169 days in space as flight engineer aboard Mir from October 4, 1994, to March 9, 1995. American astronaut Linenger will join the STS-84 crew on their return to Earth.

THE STS-84 CREW INSIGNIA - The STS-84 emblem depicts Shuttle Atlantis launching into Earth orbit to join the Russian Space Station Mir as part of Phase 1 of the International Space Station program. The names of the eight astronauts who will fly onboard Atlantis, including the two who will change their positions onboard Mir, are shown along the border of the patch. The Phase 1 program is represented by the rising Sun and by the Greek letter Phi followed by one star. This sixth Shuttle-Mir docking is symbolized by the six stars surrounding the word "Mir" in Cyrillic characters. Combined, the seven stars symbolize the current configuration of Mir, composed of six modules launched by the Russians and one module brought up by Atlantis on a previous docking flight.