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Pulling together

On Oct. 14, Expedition 8 Commander Michael Foale (right) and his backup, Bill McArthur, Jr., raise the American flag outside the Cosmonaut Hotel in a traditional ceremony during preparations for the mission's launch. European Space Agency Astronaut Pedro Duque (far left) of Spain and Cosmonaut Alexander Kaleri, Soyuz Commander and Flight Engineer, raise the flags of Spain and Russia. Expedition 8 launched from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on Oct. 18 onboard a Soyuz rocket and docked with the International Space Station two days later.

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