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Media Advisory

The United Nations Information Service (UNIS) Vienna

invites you to the

**Official Opening of an Exhibition to Mark the 50th Anniversary of the First
Human Space Flight by Russian Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin**

on

Monday 4 April at 2 p.m.

in

the Rotunda,

Vienna International Centre (VIC)

On 12 April 1961 Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first human to go into space when he travelled on Vostok-1 on a flight lasting 108 minutes and orbiting the Earth once. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the historic first human space flight, an exhibition is being held in the VIC by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations at Vienna and the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA). On display will be photographs commemorating Yuri Gagarin's space flight and other memorabilia from his goodwill tour around the globe afterwards including his entry into the Visitors Book when he went to the United Nations headquarters in New York in 1963 along with the first woman in space, Valentina Tereshkova. The opening of the exhibition is taking place during the 50th session of the Legal Subcommittee of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) in Vienna.

Speakers include:

Ambassador Alexander **Zmeyevskiy**

Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations at Vienna

and

Yury **Fedotov**

Director General, United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV)

For those without a VIC grounds pass, kindly register for the exhibition opening by writing to press@unvienna.org latest by noon, Friday, 1 April 2011.

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