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KRISTALL DOCKED TO MIR-COMPLEX:

KRISTALL (Module-T) docked to MIR's forward dockingunit on 10 June 1990 at 1047UTC. The docking took place a few seconds after LOS of MIR etc. for my position. The radiotraffic before LOS revealed the approach of Kristall to the MIR complex. TsUP gave distances and approach speeds. The cosmonauts waited in the Soyuz-TM9. During the first pass after the docking there was not much radiotraffic, obviously the cosmonauts were tired.

REDOCKING KRISTALL FROM AXIAL TO LATERAL DOCKING PORT: (see next report)
After docking of Kristall the cosmonauts did not open the hatches. They only checked systems. During the period in which Kristall was docked to the axial port an orbit correction by Kristall's engines was possible, but TsUP did not take that opportunity. (Or this was impossible due to the extra fuel consumption during the second docking attempt).