

STATEMENT BY SENATOR BOB DOLE  
HEARING ON THE CRISIS IN POLAND AND  
ITS AFFECTS ON THE HELSINKI PROCESS

THE COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE WAS FORMED IN 1976 TO MONITOR AND ENCOURAGE COMPLIANCE WITH THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT SIGNED IN 1975 BY THE HEADS OF STATE OF THIRTY-THREE NATIONS OF EUROPE, THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA. THE FINAL ACT PLEDGED COOPERATION AND GUARANTEES AMONG THE SIGNATORIES FOR CERTAIN SECURITY MEASURES SUCH AS THE NOTIFICATION OF TROOP MOVEMENTS, THE FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION, TRADE AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES, AND CERTAIN BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS.

IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, THE COMMISSION HAS HELD HEARINGS, ISSUED REPORTS, TAKEN CARE OF CASE WORK, AND COOPERATED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF U.S. POLICY REGARDING THE CSCE PROCESS.

THE IMPOSITION OF MILITARY RULE IN POLAND ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 12 AND THE SUBSEQUENT REPRESSIVE MEASURES ARE CLEAR VIOLATIONS OF NUMEROUS PROVISIONS OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. MOST NOTABLY VIOLATED ARE PRINCIPAL 7, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS AND VARIOUS BASKET THREE PROVISIONS ON

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THE PRINCIPAL (6) WITH RESPECT TO NONINTERVENTION IN INTERNAL  
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RECENT EVENTS IN POLAND.

# Hearings on the Crisis in Poland and Its Effects on the Helsinki Process

The Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe was formed in 1976 to monitor and encourage compliance with the Helsinki Final Act signed in 1975 by the heads of State of thirty-three nations of Europe, the United States and Canada. *The final ACT pledged cooperation and guarantees among the signatories for certain security measures such as the notification*

→ In the past five years, the Commission has held hearings, issued reports, taken care of case work, and cooperated with the Department of State and other U.S. government agencies in the formulation and implementation of U.S. policy regarding the CSCE process.

The imposition of military rule in Poland on the evening of December 12 and the subsequent repressive measures are clear violations of numerous provisions of the Helsinki Final Act. Most notably violated are Principal 7, Respect for Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and various Basket Three provisions on the free movement of people and ideas. Also in question is the principal (6) with respect to non-intervention in internal affairs, pending further knowledge of the Soviet role in the recent events in Poland.

↙ The "Helsinki" Commission is composed of six Senators and six Congressmen plus one Commissioner <sup>each</sup> from the Departments of State, Commerce and Defense.

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