

HELSINKI WATCH

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The HELSINKI WATCH was organized in January 1979 by fifty American citizens in order to:

1. Monitor, encourage and report on US implementation of the Final Act.
2. Encourage, and assist when appropriate, the activities of citizens' Helsinki Watch Groups in other signatory countries.
3. Educate opinion-makers and the American public on the significance of the Helsinki process, and inform them of the record of the participating states.
4. Develop information and proposals for the follow-up conference of the signatory states to be held in Madrid in November 1980.

The Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, signed by the representatives of 35 European and North American states at Helsinki in August 1975, commits the participating states to work together to safeguard peace, security and justice. The HELSINKI WATCH will concentrate its efforts on those provisions of the Final Act dealing with human rights and fundamental freedoms, with human contacts and with the exchange of information.

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