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## **Human Rights, the Helsinki Accords and the United States Selected Executive and Congressional Documents**

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In 1981, William S. Hein & Co., Inc. published *Human Rights and the Helsinki Accord - A Five Year Road to Madrid* for *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law*. It was the goal of this special symposium issue to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the signing of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE). The “Final Act” of the Helsinki Conference, frequently referred to as the Helsinki Accord, was written in informal, non-legislative language, which lends many plausible interpretations to its texts. No official attempt had been made to collect and publish the records or working papers of the conference which took place in three separate stages over a three-year period.

During the preparation of the symposium issue, it became evident there was a great need to provide researchers access to at least some of the most relevant original documents of the conference to allow research into this complex subject. This led to the publication of *Human Rights, European Politics and the Helsinki Accord: The Documentary Evolution of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe 1973-1975*. (Item #301950—See Hein’s catalog at [www.wshein.com](http://www.wshein.com)).

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