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§ 3001. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe; establishment

There is established the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (hereafter in this chapter referred to as the “Commission”).

(Pub. L. 94-304, § 1, June 3, 1976, 90 Stat. 661.)

§ 3002. Function and duties of Commission

The Commission is authorized and directed to monitor the acts of the signatories which reflect compliance with or violation of the articles of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, with particular regard to the provisions relating to human rights and Cooperation in Humanitarian Fields. The Commission is further authorized and directed to monitor and encourage the development of programs and activities of the United States Government and private organizations with a view toward taking advantage of the provisions of the Final Act to expand East-West economic cooperation and a greater interchange of people and ideas between East and West.

(Pub. L. 94-304, § 2, June 3, 1976, 90 Stat. 661; Pub. L. 99-7, § 2, Mar. 27, 1985, 99 Stat. 19.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, referred to in text, means part four of the Helsinki Declaration which deals with follow-up to the Conference and possible steps to encourage compliance with its purposes and undertakings. The Declaration was signed on August 1, 1975 by the nine members of the European Economic Community and the 35 participants to the Conference included all the European States, both Communist (except Albania) and non-Communist, the United States, Canada, and several non-participating Mediterranean states. The Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe is now called the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

AMENDMENTS

1985—Pub. L. 99-7 inserted “human rights and” after “relating to”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 99-7, § 6, Mar. 27, 1985, 99 Stat. 20, provided that:

“(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), this Act and the amendments made by this Act [amending this section and sections 3003, 3007, and 3008 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 3003 of this title] shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act [Mar. 27, 1985] or April 15, 1985, whichever is later.

“(b)(1) The amendment made by subsection (b) of the first section [amending section 3003 of this title] shall

take effect on the first day of the One Hundredth Congress [which convenes in January 1987].

“(2) Subsection (d) of section 8 of the Act entitled ‘An Act to establish a Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe’, approved June 3, 1976 (as added by section 5 of this Act) [section 3008(d) of this title], shall be effective as of June 3, 1976.”

Executive Documents

CHANGE OF NAME

The Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe to be called the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe effective Jan. 1, 1995, pursuant to Ex. Ord. No. 13029, Dec. 3, 1996, 61 F.R. 64591.

§ 3003. Commission membership

(a) Selection and appointment of members

The Commission shall be composed of twenty-one members as follows:

(1) Nine Members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Five Members shall be selected from the majority party and four Members shall be selected, after consultation with the minority leader of the House, from the minority party.

(2) Nine Members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate. Five Members shall be selected from the majority party of the Senate, after consultation with the majority leader, and four Members shall be selected, after consultation with the minority leader of the Senate, from the minority party.

(3) One member of the Department of State appointed by the President of the United States.

(4) One member of the Department of Defense appointed by the President of the United States.

(5) One member of the Department of Commerce appointed by the President of the United States.

(b) Commission Chairman and Cochairman

There shall be a Chairman and a Cochairman of the Commission.

(c) Designation of Chairman

At the beginning of each odd-numbered Congress, the President of the Senate, on the recommendation of the majority leader, shall designate one of the Senate Members as Chairman of the Commission. At the beginning of each even-numbered Congress, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one of the House Members as Chairman of the Commission.

(d) Designation of Cochairman

At the beginning of each odd-numbered Congress, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one of the House Members as Cochairman of the Commission. At the beginning of each even-numbered Congress, the President of the Senate, on the recommendation of the majority leader, shall designate one of the Senate Members as Cochairman of the Commission.

(Pub. L. 94-304, § 3, June 3, 1976, 90 Stat. 661; Pub. L. 99-7, § 1(a), (b), Mar. 27, 1985, 99 Stat. 18.)