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DOLE TO SPEAK BEFORE PLENARY SESSION IN BELGRADE

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA -- Senator Bob Dole will address the Plenary Session of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe tomorrow morning in Belgrade. In his remarks, Dole will stress the bipartisan concern in the United States for human rights, praising both former President Ford and President Carter for their efforts in this area. Representatives of the thirty five signatory countries will be present at the morning session.

Dole, President Ford's 1976 running mate, arrived in Belgrade Tuesday for the Belgrade Review of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. He has been a member of the independent U.S. Congressional-Executive Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe -- known as the U.S. Helsinki Commission -- since last January. The Commission has monitored compliance with the Final Helsinki Agreement on East-West relations in Europe in preparation for this Belgrade Review. The Helsinki Final Agreement was signed on August 1, 1975 by 35 nations -- including all European states, both Communist and non-Communist, the Soviet Union, the United States and Canada.

Before arriving in Belgrade, Dole attended the Nineteenth Session of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome as the only United States Congressional delegate. He will return to the United States on Saturday.