

shall apply, also to any legislation which amends, supplements, consolidates or supersedes the legislation specified in paragraph 1.

3. This Agreement shall not apply to laws or regulations which extend the existing legislation of a Party to a new category of beneficiaries if the competent authority of that Party notifies the competent authority of the other Party within three months from the date of the official publication or proclamation of such laws or regulations that no such extension of the Agreement is intended.

4. This Agreement shall not apply to social and medical assistance schemes, to special schemes for civil servants or persons treated as such, or to benefit schemes for victims of war or its consequences.

Article III

Persons covered

Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, it shall apply to nationals of the Parties, to persons who are or who have been subject to the legislation of either Party and to other persons with respect to the rights they derive from the aforementioned persons.

Article IV

Equality of treatment

1. As regards the legislation of Canada, all persons described in Article III shall be subject to the obligations of that legislation and shall be eligible for its benefits without regard to nationality.

2. As regards the legislation of the Netherlands, unless otherwise provided in this Agreement,

(a) nationals of Canada,

(b) refugees, within the meaning of the Convention of July 28, 1951 Relating to the Status of Refugees and of the Protocol of January 31, 1967 to that Convention,

(c) stateless persons, within the meaning of the Convention of September 28, 1954 Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, and

(d) other persons to the extent that they derive rights from a person described in sub-paragraph (a), (b) or (c) shall be subject to the obligations of that legislation and shall be eligible for its benefits under the same conditions as nationals of the Netherlands.

3. Paragraph 2 shall not apply to the Netherlands' old age and survivors voluntary insurance insofar as the payment of contributions at reduced rates is concerned.

Article V

Export of benefits

1. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, invalidity, old age or survivors benefits acquired by a person described in Article III under the legislation of one Party, including such benefits acquired by virtue of this Agreement, shall not be subject to any reduction, modification, suspension, cancellation or confiscation by reason only of the fact that the beneficiary resides in the territory of the other Party, and they shall be payable in the territory of the other Party.

2. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, benefits payable under this Agreement by one Party in the territory of the other Party shall also be payable in the territory of a third State, under the same conditions and to the same extent as to nationals of the first Party residing in that third State.

PART II

PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

Article VI

1. Subject to the provisions of the following paragraphs of this Article,