

- (a) it shall first determine the amount of the theoretical benefit which would be payable under the legislation of Saint Lucia solely on the basis of the creditable periods completed under that legislation;
 - (b) it shall then multiply the theoretical benefit by the ratio that the creditable periods actually completed under the legislation of Saint Lucia represent in relation to the minimum creditable period required under the legislation of Saint Lucia for entitlement to the benefit in question.
2. The proportional benefit calculated in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 shall be the benefit payable by the competent institution of Saint Lucia.
3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, where a retirement grant, an invalidity grant or a survivor's grant is payable under the legislation of Saint Lucia, but eligibility for a corresponding pension under that legislation can be established through the application of this Agreement, the pension shall be paid in lieu of the grant.
4. Where a retirement grant, an invalidity grant or a survivor's grant was paid under the legislation of Saint Lucia in respect of an event which happened before the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and where eligibility for a corresponding pension under that legislation is subsequently established through the application of this Agreement, the competent institution of Saint Lucia shall deduct from any benefit payable in the form of a pension any amount previously paid in the form of a grant.

PART IV

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

ARTICLE XIV

1. The competent authorities and institutions responsible for the application of this Agreement:
- (a) shall, to the extent permitted by the legislation which they administer, communicate to each other any information necessary for the application of this Agreement;
 - (b) shall lend their good offices and furnish assistance to one another with regard to the determination or payment of any benefit under this Agreement or the legislation to which this Agreement applies as if the matter involved the application of their own legislation;
 - (c) shall communicate to each other, as soon as possible, all information about the measures taken by them for the application of this Agreement or about changes in their respective legislation insofar as these changes affect the application of this Agreement.
2. The assistance referred to in sub-paragraph 1(b) shall be provided free of charge, subject to any agreement reached between the competent authorities of the Parties for the reimbursement of certain types of expenses.