

AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA

Canada and the Republic of Austria,

RESOLVED to regulate the mutual relations between the two States in the field of social security,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1

1. For purposes of this Agreement,

- (a) "legislation" means, in relation to Austria, the laws, regulations and statutory instruments which relate to the branches of social security specified in subparagraph 1.(a) of Article 2; and, in relation to Canada, the laws and regulations specified in subparagraph 1.(b) of Article 2;
- (b) "national" means, in relation to Austria, an Austrian citizen; and, in relation to Canada, a Canadian citizen;
- (c) "competent authority" means, in relation to Austria, the Federal Minister for Social Affairs; and, in relation to Canada, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the administration of the legislation of Canada;
- (d) "institution" means, in relation to Austria, the institution responsible for the application of Austrian legislation; and, in relation to Canada, the competent authority;
- (e) "competent institution" means the institution competent under the applicable legislation to deal with the matter in question;
- (f) "period of coverage" means a period of contributions or a period of residence which is defined or recognized as a period of coverage by the legislation under which it has been completed, or any similar period insofar as it is considered equivalent to a period of coverage by that legislation;
- (g) "cash benefit" means a pension or any other cash benefit, including any increases.