

8. Article IV does not affect the provisions of the legislation of Sweden concerning the right of Swedish citizens residing outside Sweden to a basic pension.

CHAPTER 3

PROVISIONS COMMON TO CHAPTERS 1 AND 2

ARTICLE XI

If a person is not entitled to a benefit on the basis of periods credited under the legislation of the two States, totalized as provided in this Agreement, eligibility for that benefit shall be determined by totalizing these periods with periods credited under the legislation of a third state with which both States are bound by a social security agreement which contains rules on totalizing of creditable periods.

PART IV

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

ARTICLE XII

1. The competent authorities and institutions responsible for the application of this Agreement:

- (a) shall 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 any matter relating to the application of this Agreement as if the matter were affecting 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 in so far as these changes affect the application of this Agreement.

2. The assistance referred to in sub-paragraph 1. (b) of this Article shall be provided free of charge, subject to any agreement reached between the competent authorities of the two States for the reimbursement of certain types of expenses.

3. Unless disclosure is required under the laws of a State, any information about an individual which is transmitted in accordance with this Agreement is confidential and shall be used by that State only for purposes of implementing this Agreement and the legislation to which this Agreement applies.