

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 Parties for the reimbursement of certain types of expenses.

3. Any information about an individual which is transmitted in accordance with this Agreement to one Party by the other Party is confidential and shall be used only for purposes of implementing this Agreement and the legislation to which this Agreement applies and for no other purpose.

ARTICLE XIII

1. An Administrative Arrangement, agreed to by the competent authorities of the two Parties, shall set out, as required, the conditions under which this Agreement shall be implemented.

2. The liaison agencies of the Parties shall be designated in that Arrangement.

ARTICLE XIV

1. Any exemption from or reduction of taxes, legal dues, consular fees or administrative charges for which provision is made in the legislation of one Party in connection with the issuing of any certificate or document required to be produced for the application of that legislation shall be extended to certificates or documents required to be produced for the application of the legislation of the other Party.

2. Any acts or documents of an official nature required to be produced for the application of this Agreement shall be exempt from any authentication by diplomatic or consular authorities or similar formality.

ARTICLE XV

For the application of this Agreement, the competent authorities and institutions of the two Parties may communicate directly with one another in any of the official languages of either Party.

ARTICLE XVI

1. Any claim, notice or appeal which should, for the purposes of the legislation of one Party, have been presented within a prescribed period to a competent authority or institution of that Party, but which is presented within the same period to a competent authority or institution of the other Party, shall be treated as if it had been presented to the authority or institution of the first Party.

2. A claim for a benefit payable under the legislation of one Party shall be deemed to be a claim for the corresponding benefit payable under the legislation of the other Party, unless the applicant explicitly requests that his claim to the benefit of the other Party be delayed.