

ARTICLE 9**Exceptions**

On the joint request of an employed person and his or her employer, or on the request of a self-employed person, the competent authorities of the Parties or their delegated institutions may, by common agreement, make exceptions to the provisions of Article 6 through 8 with respect to any person or categories of persons.

ARTICLE 10**Definition of Certain Periods of Residence
with Respect to the Legislation of Canada**

1. For the purpose of calculating the amount of benefits under the *Old Age Security Act*:
 - (a) if a person is subject to the *Canada Pension Plan* or to the comprehensive pension plan of a province of Canada during any period of presence or residence in the Czech Republic, that period shall be considered as a period of residence in Canada for that person as well as for that person's spouse or common-law partner and dependants who reside with him or her and who are not subject to the legislation of the Czech Republic by reason of employment or self-employment;
 - (b) if a person is subject to the legislation of the Czech Republic during any period of presence or residence in Canada, that period shall not be considered as a period of residence in Canada for that person and for that person's spouse or common-law partner and dependants who reside with him or her and who are not subject to the *Canada Pension Plan* or to the comprehensive pension plan of a province of Canada by reason of employment or self-employment.
2. In the application of paragraph 1:
 - (a) a person shall be considered to be subject to the *Canada Pension Plan* or to the comprehensive pension plan of a province of Canada during a period of presence or residence in the Czech Republic only if that person makes contributions pursuant to the plan concerned during that period by reason of employment or self-employment;
 - (b) a person shall be considered to be subject to the legislation of the Czech Republic during a period of presence or residence in Canada only if that person makes compulsory contributions pursuant to that legislation during that period by reason of employment or self-employment.