

However, the applicant may request that the claim to the benefit under the legislation of the other Party be deferred.

3. In any case to which paragraph 1 or 2 applies, the authority to which the claim, notice or appeal has been submitted shall transmit it without delay to the authority of the other Party.

#### Article XIX

1. The benefit paying authority of a Party may discharge its obligations under this Agreement in the currency of that Party.
2. Benefits shall be paid to beneficiaries free from any deduction for administrative expenses that may be incurred in paying the benefits.

#### Article XX

The competent authorities of the Parties shall resolve, to the extent possible, any difficulties which arise in interpreting or applying this Agreement according to its spirit and fundamental principles.

#### Article XXI

The relevant authority of Iceland and a province of Canada may conclude understandings concerning any social security matter within provincial jurisdiction in Canada insofar as those understandings are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement.