

CONVENTION ON SOCIAL SECURITY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT  
OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN

The Government of Canada and the Government of Spain,  
RESOLVED to co-operate in the field of social security,  
HAVE DECIDED to conclude a convention for this purpose, and  
HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1

1. For the purposes of this Convention,
  - (a) "Government of Canada" means the Government in its capacity as representative of Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, and acting through the Minister of National Health and Welfare;
  - (b) "territory" means, as regards Canada, the territory of Canada; and, as regards Spain, the territory of Spain;
  - (c) "legislation" means the laws, regulations and other provisions specified in Article 2, in force in the territory of either Party;
  - (d) "competent authority" means, for either Party, the Minister, Ministers or Ministry responsible for the administration of the aforementioned legislation;
  - (e) "institution" means, as regards Canada, the competent authority; and, as regards Spain, the institutions charged with the management of the General Scheme and of the Special Schemes specified in Article 2 1(b);
  - (f) "competent institution" means the institution competent under the applicable legislation for the case in question;
  - (g) "insured period" means, as regards Canada, a period of contributions or residence used to acquire the right to a benefit under the legislation of Canada, and includes a period during which a disability pension is payable under the Canada Pension Plan; and, as regards Spain, a contribution period defined or recognized as an insured period, in accordance with the