

PART V
TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE XXVII

Transitional Provisions

1. Any creditable period completed before the date of entry into force of this Agreement shall be taken into account for the purpose of determining the right to a benefit under this Agreement.
2. No provision of this Agreement shall confer any right to receive payment of a benefit for a period before the date of entry into force of the previous Agreement.
3. Subject to paragraph 2, a benefit, other than a lump sum payment, shall, on application, be payable under this Agreement in respect of events which happened before the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXVIII

Cessation of the Previous Agreement

1. Subject to paragraph 2, on the entry into force of this Agreement, it shall supersede the previous Agreement.
2. If, after the date of entry into force of the previous Agreement but before the date of entry into force of this Agreement, a person submits an application for a benefit under the legislation of a Party, and if, on the date of entry into force of this Agreement, the competent institution of that Party has not yet reached a decision on that application, that competent institution shall apply the provisions of the previous Agreement when determining that person's entitlement to that benefit.
3. Benefits awarded through the application of the previous Agreement may be recalculated by the competent institutions, either directly or on request by the beneficiary, taking into account the provisions of this Agreement. In no case, however, shall the amount of a benefit be reduced as a result of such a recalculation.

ARTICLE XXIX

Duration and Termination

1. This Agreement shall remain in force without any limitation on its duration. It may be terminated at any time by either Party giving twelve months' notice in writing to the other Party.
2. In the event of the termination of this Agreement, any right acquired by a person in accordance with its provisions or the provisions of the previous Agreement shall be maintained and negotiations shall take place for the settlement of any rights then in course of acquisition by virtue of those provisions.