

AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND PORTUGAL WITH RESPECT TO SOCIAL SECURITY

The Government of Canada and the Government of Portugal,

Desirous of co-operating with each other in the social field,

Have decided to conclude an Agreement on Social Security and, for this purpose,

Have agreed as follows:

PART I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE I

For the purpose of this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) “competent authority” means, in relation to Portugal, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the implementation of the legislation described in subparagraph 1(a) of Article II, and in relation to Canada, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the application of the legislation mentioned in sub-paragraph 1(b) of Article II;
- (b) “territory” means, in relation to Portugal, the territory of the Republic of Portugal and, in relation to Canada, the territory of Canada;
- (c) “legislation” means the legislation described in Article II;
- (d) “competent institution” means, in relation to Portugal, the institution to which the person is affiliated at the time of application for benefits or from which he is entitled to receive benefits or would be entitled to receive benefits, if he resided in the territory of Portugal, and, in relation to Canada, the competent authorities;
- (e) “worker” means, in relation to Portugal, a salaried worker according to the legislation of Portugal and, in relation to Canada, a person who is employed in pensionable employment under the Canada Pension Plan;
- (f) “credited period” means a period of contributions, employment or residence used to acquire a right to a benefit under the legislation of either Party. This term also designates in relation to Portugal, any equivalent period under the legislation of Portugal and, in relation to Canada, any equivalent period during which a disability pension is payable under the Canada Pension Plan;
- (g) “Government employment” includes, in relation to Canada, employment as a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or the Armed Forces of Canada, employment of any person by the Government of Canada, the government or a municipal corporation of any province, and includes any employment as may be so designated, from time to time, by Canada;