

2. Unless the applicant requests that his or her claim for a benefit under the legislation of a Party be delayed, a claim for a benefit under the legislation of a Party, made after the date of entry into force of this Convention, shall be deemed to be a claim for the corresponding benefit under the legislation of the other Party, provided that the applicant, at the time of application:

- (a) requests that it be considered an application under the legislation of the other Party, or
- (b) provides information indicating that periods of insurance have been completed under the legislation of the other Party.

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

ARTICLE 22

Payment of Benefits

1. The competent institution of a Party shall discharge its obligations under this Convention 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 23

Resolution of Disputes

1. Any dispute between the Parties concerning the interpretation or the application of this Convention, shall be resolved by direct negotiations between the competent authorities of the Parties.