

**PART IV**

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**ARTICLE 17**

**Administrative Arrangement**

1. The Parties shall conclude an administrative arrangement which establishes the measures necessary for the application of this Agreement.
2. The Parties shall designate the liaison agencies in that arrangement.

**ARTICLE 18**

**Exchange of Information and Mutual Assistance**

1. The competent authorities and institutions responsible for the application of this Agreement shall:
  - (a) to the extent permitted by the laws which they administer, communicate to each other any information necessary for the application of this Agreement and the legislation to which the Agreement applies;
  - (b) provide assistance to one another for the purpose of determining eligibility for, or the amount of, any benefit under this Agreement, or under the legislation to which this Agreement applies, as if the matter involved the application of their own legislation;
  - (c) communicate to each other, as soon as possible, all information about the measures taken by them for the application of this Agreement or about changes in their respective legislation insofar as these changes affect the application of this Agreement.
2. The assistance referred to in sub-paragraph 1(b) shall be provided free of charge, subject to any provision contained in the administrative arrangement concluded pursuant to Article 17 for the reimbursement of certain types of expenses.