

ARTICLE 13

Exemption or Reduction of Dues, Fees or Charges

1. If one Contracting State's legislation provides that a person is exempt from paying all or part of a legal, consular, or administrative fee for a certificate or document that is required to apply that legislation, the same exemption applies to any fee for a certificate or document that is required to apply the legislation of the other Contracting State.
2. Any documents of an official nature required for the application of this Agreement are exempt from requirements for authentication by diplomatic or consular authorities or a third party.

ARTICLE 14

Language of Communication

1. For the application of this Agreement, the competent authorities and competent agencies of the Contracting States may communicate directly with one another in any official language of either Contracting State.
2. A Contracting State shall not reject a document on the sole basis that the document is in an official language of the other Contracting State.

ARTICLE 15

Resolution of Disputes

1. The competent authorities of the Contracting States shall resolve, to the extent possible, any disputes which arise in interpreting or applying this Agreement, in accordance with the spirit and fundamental principles of this Agreement.
2. The Contracting States shall promptly settle through negotiations any dispute that is not resolved in accordance with paragraph 1.

ARTICLE 16

Understandings with a Province of Canada

The relevant authority of the People's Republic of China and a province of Canada may conclude understandings concerning any social security matter within provincial jurisdiction in Canada if those understandings are not inconsistent with this Agreement.