

**AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY**

**BETWEEN**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA and THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",**

**RESOLVED** to strengthen further the relations between their two countries in the field of social security, and

**TAKING NOTE** of changes to their respective social security legislation since the Agreement on Social Security between Canada and the Kingdom of the Netherlands was signed at The Hague on 26 February 1987,

**HAVE AGREED** as follows:

**PART I  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**ARTICLE 1**

**Definitions**

1. For the purpose of this Agreement:

"benefit" means, as regards a Party, any cash benefit, pension or allowance for which provision is made in the legislation of that Party and includes any supplements or increases applicable to such a cash benefit, pension or allowance by virtue of the legislation specified in Article II;

"competent authority" means, as regards a Party, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the administration of the legislation specified in Article II with respect to that Party;

"competent institution" means, as regards Canada, the competent authority; and, as regards the Netherlands, the institution charged with the implementation of the legislation specified in Article II, which is competent under the applicable legislation;

"creditable period" means, as regards a Party, a period of contributions, insurance, employment or residence used to acquire the right to a benefit under the legislation of that Party;