

The preceding sentence shall not apply if the applicant requests that his or her claim to the benefit under the legislation of the other Contracting Party be delayed.

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 authority or institution of the other Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 22

Payment of Benefits

1. The competent institution of a Contracting Party shall discharge its obligations under this Agreement in the currency of that Contracting Party.
2. Benefits shall be paid to beneficiaries free from any deduction for administrative expenses that may be incurred in paying the benefits.
3. In the event that a Contracting Party imposes currency controls, that Contracting Party shall, without delay, take suitable measures to ensure the payment of any amount that must be paid in accordance with this Agreement to persons described in Article 3 who reside in the territory of the other Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 23

Resolution of Difficulties

1. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties shall resolve, to the extent possible, any difficulties which arise in interpreting or applying this Agreement according to its spirit and fundamental principles.
2. The Contracting Parties shall consult promptly at the request of either Contracting Party concerning matters which have not been resolved by the competent authorities in accordance with paragraph 1.
3. Any dispute between the Contracting Parties concerning the interpretation of this Agreement which has not been resolved or settled by consultation in accordance with paragraph 1 or 2 shall, at the request of either Contracting Party, be submitted to arbitration by an arbitral tribunal.
4. Unless the Contracting Parties mutually determine otherwise, the arbitral tribunal shall consist of 3 arbitrators, of whom each Contracting Party shall appoint one and the 2 arbitrators so appointed shall appoint a third who shall act as president; provided that if either Contracting Party fails to appoint its arbitrator or if the 2 arbitrators fail to agree, the competent authority of the other Contracting Party shall invite the President of the International Court of Justice to appoint the arbitrator of the first Contracting Party or the 2 appointed arbitrators shall invite the President of the International Court of Justice to appoint the president of the arbitral tribunal.
5. If the President of the International Court of Justice is a citizen of either Contracting Party, the function of appointment shall be transferred to the Vice-President or the next most senior member of the Court who is not a citizen of either Contracting Party.