

PART I**GENERAL PROVISIONS****ARTICLE 1****Definitions**

1. For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) "legislation" means:
 - (i) as regards the Republic of Poland, the laws and other regulations specified in Article 2(1)(a), and
 - (ii) as regards Canada, the laws and regulations specified in Article 2(1)(b);
 - (b) "competent authority" means:
 - (i) as regards the Republic of Poland, the Minister competent for social security issues, and
 - (ii) as regards Canada, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the application of the legislation of Canada;
 - (c) "competent institution" means:
 - (i) as regards the Republic of Poland, the institution which is competent for the application of the legislation, and
 - (ii) as regards Canada, the competent authority;
 - (d) "creditable period" means:
 - (i) as regards the Republic of Poland, a period used to acquire the right to a benefit under the legislation of the Republic of Poland which includes periods of contribution, equivalent periods and periods of non-contribution, and