

2. Subject to the second sentence of this paragraph, a claim for benefit under the legislation of a Party made after the date of entry into force of this Agreement shall be deemed to be a claim for the corresponding benefit under the legislation of the other Party, provided that the applicant at the time of application:

- 1) requests that it be considered an application under the legislation of the other Party; or
- 2) provides information indicating that creditable periods have been completed under the legislation of the other Party.

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

3. In any case to which paragraphs 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 Party.

## **ARTICLE 23**

### **Payment of Benefits**

1. The competent institution of a Party shall pay benefits under this Agreement to a beneficiary residing in the territory of the other Party or a third State in any freely convertible currency.
2. The competent institutions of the Parties shall pay benefits under this Agreement directly to beneficiaries without any deduction for their administrative expenses.

## **ARTICLE 24**

### **Resolution of Disputes**

1. The competent authorities of the Parties shall resolve, to the extent possible, any disputes which arise in interpreting or applying this Agreement according to its spirit and fundamental principles.