

PART I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1

Definitions

1. For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - 1) “legislation” means, as regards a Contracting Party, the laws and regulations specified in Article 2 of this Agreement;
 - 2) “competent authority” means:
 - as regards Canada, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the application of the legislation of Canada specified in Article 2 of this Agreement; and
 - as regards the Republic of Serbia, the Ministries responsible for the legislation of the Republic of Serbia specified in Article 2 of this Agreement;
 - 3) “competent institution” means:
 - as regards Canada, the competent authority; and
 - as regards the Republic of Serbia, the organization or institution responsible for the implementation of the legislation of the Republic of Serbia specified in Article 2 of this Agreement;
 - 4) “creditable period” means:
 - as regards Canada, a period of contribution used to acquire the right to a benefit under the Canada Pension Plan; a period during which a disability pension is paid under that Plan; and a period of residence used to acquire the right to a benefit under the Old Age Security Act; and
 - as regards the Republic of Serbia, a period of insurance used to acquire the right to a benefit under the legislation of the Republic of Serbia, and including any period defined under that legislation as equivalent to, or recognized as, a period of insurance;
 - 5) “benefit” means, as regards a Contracting Party, any cash benefit which is provided for in the legislation of that Contracting Party and includes any supplements or increases applicable to that cash benefit.