

ARTICLE XXII

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

ARTICLE XXIII

1. In the event of the termination of this Agreement, any right acquired by a person in accordance with its provisions shall be maintained and negotiations shall take place for the settlement of any rights then in course of acquisition by virtue of those provisions.

2. No provision of this Agreement shall confer any right to receive a pension, allowance or benefit for a period before the date of the entry into force of the Agreement.

3. Except where otherwise provided in this Agreement, any credited period established before the date of entry into force of the Agreement shall be taken into account for the purpose of determining the right to benefit under this Agreement.

4. Subject to provisions of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Article, a pension, allowance or benefit shall be payable under this Agreement in respect of events which happened before the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXIV

1. The competent authority of Portugal and the competent authorities of the provinces of Canada may conclude understandings concerning any social security legislation within provincial jurisdiction insofar as those understanding are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement.

2. Where an understanding has been concluded between the competent authority of Portugal and a province providing a comprehensive pension plan, concerning that provincial comprehensive pension plan, Canada may, if it deems necessary, for the purposes of applying this Agreement, conclude an understanding with that province in order to co-ordinate the Canada Pension Plan and that provincial plan and may, among other things, accept periods of contributions to the provincial plan as periods of contributions under the legislation of Canada.

ARTICLE XXV

1. This Agreement shall enter into force, after the conclusion of the general administrative arrangement, on the first day of the second month following the date of exchange of the instruments of ratification.

2. This Agreement shall remain in force without any limitation on its duration. It may be denounced by one of the two Parties giving twelve months' notice in writing to the other.