



**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN ON SOCIAL SECURITY**

The Government of Canada and the Government of Sweden,  
RESOLVED to co-operate in the field of social security,  
HAVE DECIDED to conclude an agreement for this purpose, and  
HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

**PART I**

**DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**ARTICLE I**

*Definitions*

1. For the purposes of this Agreement,
  - (a) "legislation" means the laws and regulations specified in Article II;
  - (b) "competent authority" means, as regards Canada, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the administration of the legislation of Canada; and as regards Sweden, the Government or the authority nominated by the Government;
  - (c) "competent institution" means, as regards Canada, the competent authority; and, as regards Sweden, the body or authority charged with the implementation of the legislation specified in Article II;
  - (d) "creditable period" means a period of contributions, insurance or residence used to acquire the right to a benefit under the legislation of either State;
  - (e) "benefit" means any cash benefit, pension or allowance for which provision is made in the legislation of either State and includes any supplements or increases applicable to such a cash benefit, pension or allowance.
2. Any term not defined in this Article has the meaning assigned to it in the applicable legislation.