

**PART I**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**ARTICLE 1**

*Definitions*

1. For the purposes of this Agreement, the expressions and terms given below shall have the following meaning:
  - “Benefit” means any cash payment, pension or allowance for which provision is made in the legislation specified in Article 2, and includes any supplements, increases or adjustments applicable to such a benefit.
  - “Competent authority” means, as regards Canada, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the application of the legislation of Canada; and, as regards Uruguay, the Ministry of Labour and Social Security (Ministerio de Trabajo y Seguridad Social) or the delegated institution.
  - “Competent organization” means, as regards Canada, the competent authority; and, as regards Uruguay, the institution or agency responsible for applying the legislation specified in Article 2.
  - “Contracting Parties” means Canada and the Eastern Republic of Uruguay.
  - “Creditable period” means, as regards Canada, any period of contributions or residence used to acquire the right to a benefit under the legislation of Canada, and includes a period during which a disability pension is payable under the *Canada Pension Plan*; and, as regards Uruguay, any reckonable period recognized as such under its legislation, and includes any period deemed as equivalent to a period of insurance.
  - “Legislation” means the laws, regulations and provisions specified in Article 2.
  - “Liaison agency” means the agency which is responsible for co-ordination and the exchange of information between the institutions of the Contracting Parties,