

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

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

and

THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT,

*Resolved* to cooperate in the field of social security,

*Have decided* to conclude an agreement for this purpose and have agreed as follows:

PART I

*Definitions and Legislation*

ARTICLE 1

1. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term:
  - (a) "territory of a Contracting State" means:
    - as regards Canada: the territory of Canada;
    - as regards Belgium: the territory of Belgium;
  - (b) "competent authority" means:
    - as regards Canada: the Ministers, each to the extent that he is responsible for the administration of the legislation specified in paragraph 1 (a) of Article 2;
    - as regards Belgium: the Ministers, each to the extent that he is responsible for the administration of the legislation specified in paragraph 1 (b) of Article 2;
  - (c) "Government employment" means, as regards Canada, employment by the Government of Canada, the government of a province of Canada or a municipality of Canada;
  - (d) "legislation" means the laws specified in Article 2;
  - (e) "competent institution" means:
    - as regards Canada: the competent authority;
    - as regards Belgium: the institution, agency or authority responsible in full or in part for the application of the laws specified in paragraph 1 (b) of Article 2;