

CANADA



**AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF
CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND**

The Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of Finland,
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
GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE I

Definitions

1. For the purposes of this Agreement,
 - (a) "Government of Canada" means the Government in its capacity as representative of Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada and represented by the Minister of National Health and Welfare;
 - (b) "territory" means, as regards Canada, the territory of Canada; and, as regards Finland, the territory of Finland;
 - (c) "legislation" means the laws and regulations specified in Article II;
 - (d) "competent authority" means, as regards Canada, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the administration of the legislation of Canada; and, as regards Finland, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health;
 - (e) "competent institution" means, as regards Canada, the competent authority; and, as regards Finland, the authority from which the person concerned is entitled to receive a benefit or would be entitled to receive the benefit in question if that person were resident in Finland;
 - (f) "creditable period" means a period of contributions, insurance or residence, or an equivalent period, used to acquire the right to a benefit under the legislation of either Party;