PART III - PROVISIONS RELATING TO CANADIAN BENEFITS

ARTICLE 9

Totalisation for Canadian Benefits

- 1. Subject to paragraph 3, if a person is not eligible for a benefit on the basis of his or her Canadian creditable periods, eligibility of that person for that benefit shall be determined by totalising these periods and those specified in paragraph 2.
- 2. (a) For the purposes of determining eligibility for a benefit under the *Old Age Security Act*, a period of Australian working life residence shall be considered as a period of residence in Canada.
 - (b) For the purposes of determining eligibility for a benefit under the *Canada Pension Plan*, a calendar year which includes a period of Australian working life residence of at least 6 calendar months shall be considered as a year for which contributions have been made under the *Canada Pension Plan*.
- 3. For the purposes of this Article, where a Canadian creditable period and a period of Australian working life residence coincide, the period of coincidence shall be taken into account once only as a Canadian creditable period.

ARTICLE 10

Benefits under the Old Age Security Act

- 1. If a person is eligible for a pension or an allowance solely through the application of the totalising provisions of Article 9, the competent institution of Canada shall calculate the amount of the pension or allowance payable to that person in conformity with the provisions of the *Old Age Security Act* governing the payment of a partial pension or allowance, exclusively on the basis of the periods of residence in Canada which may be considered under that Act.
- Paragraph 1 shall also apply to a person outside Canada who would be entitled to
 the payment of a full pension in Canada but who has not resided in Canada for the
 minimum period required by the Old Age Security Act for entitlement to payment
 of a pension outside Canada.