

PART I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1

Definitions

1. For the purposes of this Convention:

“benefit” means, any cash benefit that is provided for in the legislation of a Party and includes any supplement or increase applicable to that cash benefit;

“competent authority” means:

for Canada, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the application of the legislation of Canada specified in Article 2; and

for the Republic of Peru (“Peru”), the Ministry of Labour and Employment Promotion and the Ministry of Economy and Finance;

“competent institution” means:

for Canada, the competent authority; and

for Peru, the institution or agency responsible for the application of the legislation referred to in Article 2;

“creditable period” means:

for Canada, a period of contribution used to acquire the right to a benefit under the *Canada Pension Plan*; a period during which a disability pension is paid under that Plan; and a period of residence used to acquire the right to a benefit under the *Old Age Security Act*; and

for Peru, a period of contribution used to acquire the right to a benefit under the legislation of Peru and includes any period deemed as equivalent to a period of contribution;

“legislation” means the laws and regulations and provisions specified in Article 2;

“liaison agency” means the agency that is responsible for co-ordinating the Convention, exchanging information between the institutions of the Parties, and informing persons concerned of the rights and obligations stemming from this Convention.