

3. In any case to which the preceding paragraphs of this Article apply, the authority or institution to which the claim, notice or appeal has been submitted shall transmit it without delay to the authority or institution of the other Party.

ARTICLE XVII

1. (a) The competent institution of Canada shall discharge its obligations under this Agreement in the currency of Canada.
- (b) The competent institution of Barbados shall discharge its obligations under this Agreement:
 - (i) in respect of a beneficiary resident in Barbados, in the currency of Barbados;
 - (ii) in respect of a beneficiary resident in Canada, in the currency of Canada; and
 - (iii) in respect of a beneficiary resident in a third State, in the currency of that State or in any currency freely convertible in that State.

2. In the application of sub-paragraphs 1.(b)(ii) and (iii), the conversion rate shall be the rate of exchange in effect on the day when the payment is made.

ARTICLE XVIII

The competent authorities of the two Parties shall resolve, to the extent possible, any difficulties which arise in interpreting or applying this Agreement according to its spirit and fundamental principles.

ARTICLE XIX

The relevant authority of Barbados and the relevant authority of a province of Canada may conclude understandings concerning any social security matter within provincial jurisdiction in Canada insofar as those understandings are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement.

PART V

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE XX

1. Any creditable period established before the date of entry into force of this Agreement shall be taken into account for the purpose of determining the right to a benefit under the Agreement, other than a lump sum payment under the legislation of Barbados.