

to a competent authority or institution of the other Party, shall be treated as if it had been presented to the authority or institution of the first Party on the date that it was presented on the authority or institution of the other Party.

2. A claim for a benefit payable under the legislation of one Party shall be deemed to be a claim for the corresponding benefit payable under the legislation of the other Party, unless the applicant explicitly requests that the claim to the benefit of the other Party be delayed.

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 XIX

1. The benefit paying institutions or authorities shall discharge their obligations under this Agreement in their national currency.

2. Benefits shall be paid to beneficiaries free from deductions for administrative or any other expenses that may be incurred in paying the benefits.

ARTICLE XX

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 XXI

The competent authority of Denmark and 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 XXII

1. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, any period creditable under the legislation of a Party and 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.

2. No provision of this Agreement shall confer any right to receive payment of a benefit for a period before the date of entry into force of the Agreement.