

PART I  
GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE I

Definitions

1. For the purposes of this Agreement:

“benefit” means, as regards a Party, any pension or other cash benefit for which provision is made in the legislation of that Party and includes any supplements or increases applicable to such a pension or cash benefit;

“competent authority” means, as regards a Party, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the application of the legislation of that Party;

“competent institution” means, as regards Canada, the competent authority; and, as regards the Republic of Estonia, the institutions charged with the implementation of the legislation of the Republic of Estonia;

“creditable period” means, as regards a Party, a period of contributions, insurance or residence used to acquire the right to a benefit under the legislation of that Party; as regards Canada, it also means a period during which a disability pension is payable under the *Canada Pension Plan*; and, as regards the Republic of Estonia, other periods of pensionable service as defined in the legislation of the Republic of Estonia;

“legislation” means, as regards a Party, the acts and regulations specified in Article II;

“residence” means, as regards the Republic of Estonia, legal residence in the territory of the Republic of Estonia, including permanent residence or temporary residence status;

“territory” means, as regards Canada, the territory of Canada; and, as regards the Republic of Estonia, the territory under the jurisdiction of the Republic of Estonia; and the terms “Canada” and “Republic of Estonia”, when used in a geographical sense, shall be interpreted accordingly;

2. Any term not defined in this Article has the meaning assigned to it in the applicable legislation.