

## **ARTICLE 21**

### **Compliance Verification and Debt Recovery**

1. Where by virtue of this Agreement a Party pays a pension to a person, the competent authority or competent institution of that Party may undertake compliance verification activities.
2. Compliance verification and debt recovery shall be carried out in accordance with an administrative agreement or arrangement concluded pursuant to Article 19 of this Agreement.
3. If a competent authority or competent institution of a Party determines that a person received an overpayment, that Party is entitled to recover that overpayment and may use any means existing under the laws of that Party to recover that overpayment.

## **ARTICLE 22**

### **Exemption or Reduction of Dues, Fees or Charges**

1. If one Party's laws and regulations provide that a person shall be exempt from paying all or part of a legal, consular or administrative fee for issuing a certificate or document required to apply its legislation, the same exemption shall apply to any fee for a certificate or document required to apply the legislation of the other Party. This exemption shall not apply if a medical report is required by the competent institution of a Party solely in support of a claim for a pension under the legislation of that Party.
2. Documents of an official nature required to apply this Agreement shall be exempt from any authentication by diplomatic or consular authorities.

## **ARTICLE 23**

### **Language of Communication**

The competent authorities and competent institutions of the Parties may communicate directly with one another in any official language of either Party.