

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

#### ARTICLE 32

##### *Disputes*

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 33

##### *Understandings Between Norway and Provinces of Canada*

The competent authority of Norway 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 34

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.

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.

3. Subject to the other provisions of this Article, a benefit, other than a death benefit or a funeral grant, shall be payable under this Agreement in respect of events which happened before the date of entry into force of the Agreement.

4. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, a benefit which has been withheld because a person is resident in the territory of the other Party shall, on application by the person concerned, be granted or re-established with effect from the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

5. A benefit which has been approved before the entry into force of this Agreement shall, on application by the person concerned, be recalculated in accordance with its provisions. The recalculation of such a benefit may also be made by the competent authority or institution of a Party where no application has been made. Such recalculation shall not result in any reduction of a benefit.