

PART V**TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS****ARTICLE 20****Transitional Provisions**

1. This Agreement shall not establish any right to payment of a benefit for any period before the date of the entry into force of this Agreement, or to a lump-sum death benefit if the person concerned died before the entry into force of this Agreement.
2. Subject to paragraph 1, in determining the right to a benefit under this Agreement, any period of coverage completed before the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and any other relevant events that occurred before that date, shall be taken into consideration. However, the agency of neither Contracting State shall be required to take into account periods of coverage which occurred prior to the earliest date for which periods of coverage may be credited under its legislation.
3. Determinations concerning entitlement to benefits which were made before the entry into force of this Agreement shall not affect rights arising under it.
4. The application of this Agreement shall not result in any reduction in the amount of a benefit to which entitlement was established prior to its entry into force.
5. In applying paragraph 2 of Article 5 in case of persons who were sent to a Contracting State prior to the date of entry into force of this Agreement, the periods of employment referred to in that paragraph shall be considered to begin on that date.
6. The provisions of Part III shall apply only to benefits for which an application is filed on or after the date this Agreement enters into force.

ARTICLE 21**Period of Duration and Termination**

1. This Agreement shall remain in force and effect until the expiration of one calendar year following the year in which written notice of its termination is given by one Contracting State to the other Contracting State.
2. If this Agreement is terminated, rights regarding entitlement to or payment of benefits acquired under it shall be retained. The Contracting States shall make arrangements dealing with rights in the process of being acquired.