

**PART V
TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

ARTICLE 26

Transitional Provisions

1. Any creditable period completed 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 this Agreement and its amount.
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 this Agreement.
3. Subject to paragraph 2, a benefit, other than a lump sum payment, shall be paid under this Agreement in respect of events which happened before the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 27

Duration and Termination

1. This Agreement shall remain in force without any limitation on its duration. It may be terminated at any time by either Party giving written notice of termination through the diplomatic channel to the other Party; in such a case, the termination shall take effect on the first day of the thirteenth month following the final day of the month in which the first Party has delivered a written notice to the other Party.
2. In the event of the termination of this Agreement, any right acquired by a person in accordance with its provisions shall be maintained and negotiations shall take place for the settlement of any rights then in course of acquisition by virtue of those provisions.