

**PART IV**

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**ARTICLE 24**

**Exchange of Information and Mutual Assistance**

1. The competent authorities and institutions responsible for the application of this Agreement:
  - (a) shall, to the extent permitted by the legislation which they administer, communicate to each other any information necessary for the application of that legislation as if the matter were affecting the application of their own legislation;
  - (b) shall lend their good offices and furnish assistance to one another for the purpose of determining eligibility for, or the amount of, any benefit under this Agreement, or under the legislation to which this Agreement applies, as if the matter were affecting the application of their own legislation;
  - (c) shall communicate to each other, as soon as possible, all information about the measures taken by them for the application of this Agreement or about changes in their respective legislation insofar as these changes affect the application of this Agreement.
2. The assistance referred to in sub-paragraph 1(b) shall be provided free of charge, subject to any provision contained in an administrative arrangement concluded pursuant to Article 25 for the reimbursement of certain types of expenses.
3. Unless disclosure is required under the legislation of a Party, any information about a person which is transmitted in accordance with this Agreement to that Party by the other Party is confidential and shall be used only for purposes of implementing this Agreement and the legislation to which this Agreement applies and for no other purpose.

**ARTICLE 25**

**Administrative Arrangement**

1. The competent authorities shall conclude an administrative arrangement which establishes the measures necessary for the application of this Agreement.
2. The liaison agencies of the Parties shall be designated in that arrangement.