

PART I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1

Definitions

1. For the purposes of this Agreement:

“benefit” means, as regards a Party, any cash benefit, pension or allowance for which provision is made in the legislation of that Party and includes any supplements or increases applicable to such a cash benefit, pension or allowance;

“competent authority” means, as regards Canada, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the application of the legislation of Canada; and, as regards Croatia, the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare;

“competent institution” means, as regards Canada, the competent authority; and, as regards Croatia, the institution responsible for the application of the legislation of Croatia specified in Article 2(1) of this Agreement;

“creditable period” means, as regards Canada, a period of contributions or residence used to acquire the right to a benefit under the legislation of Canada, and includes any period during which a disability pension is payable under the *Canada Pension Plan*; and, as regards Croatia, a period of insurance used to acquire the right to a benefit under the legislation of Croatia, and includes any period defined under that legislation as equivalent to a period of insurance or recognized as such;

“Croatia” means the Republic of Croatia;

“legislation” means, as regards a Party, the laws and regulations specified in Article 2(1) of this Agreement with respect to that Party.

2. Any term not defined in this Article has the meaning assigned to it in the applicable legislation.