

2. The benefit of the exemptions or reductions of taxes, or stamp duties or of registration or recording fees provided for by the legislation of one Contracting State in respect of certificates or other documents which must be produced for the application of the legislation of that State shall be extended to certificates or other documents to be produced for the application of the legislation of the other State.

3. All acts, documents and certificates which must be reproduced for the application of this Agreement shall be exempt from notarization by diplomatic or consular authorities.

4. Claims, notices and appeals which should be submitted within a specified period to the authority, institution or jurisdiction of one of the Contracting States authorized to accept them, are acceptable if they are presented within the same specified period to a corresponding authority, institution or jurisdiction of the other State. In this case the claims, notices and appeals must be sent without delay to the authority, institution or jurisdiction of the first State, either directly or through the competent authorities of the Contracting States.

The date on which these claims, notices or appeals have been submitted to an authority, institution or jurisdiction of the second State shall be considered to be the date of submission to the authority, institution or jurisdiction authorized to accept such claims, notices or appeals.

5. For the application of this Agreement, the competent authorities and the agencies of the Contracting States may communicate directly with each other as well as with any person, regardless of the residence of such persons. Such communication may be made in one of the official languages of the Contracting States.

6. An application or document may not be rejected because it is written in an official language of the other Contracting State.

ARTICLE 19

1. The benefit paying institutions shall discharge their obligations under this Agreement in their national currency.

2. Should currency restrictions be imposed by either Contracting State, provisions shall be made, by agreement between both Governments to ensure the payment of any sums due by either side in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 20

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.