

and the two arbitrators so appointed shall appoint a third who shall act as president; provided that if the two arbitrators fail to agree, the President of the International Court of Justice shall be requested to appoint the president.

5. The arbitral tribunal shall determine its own procedures.
6. The decision of the arbitral tribunal shall be final and binding.

Article 26

Understandings with a Province of Canada

The authorities of Mexico and of a province of Canada may conclude understandings concerning any social security matter within provincial jurisdiction in Canada in so far as those understandings are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement.

PART V

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 27

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 the Agreement.
2. This Agreement shall confer rights to benefits in respect of events that took place before the date of its entry into force, except when an event gives rise to a lump-sum or one-time payment. However, the payment of those benefits shall, in no case, have retroactive effect before the coming into force of the Agreement.