

AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY**BETWEEN****THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA****AND****THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS**

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA and THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

RESOLVED to strengthen further the relations between their two countries in the field of social security, and

TAKING NOTE of changes to their respective social security legislation since the Agreement on Social Security between Canada and the Kingdom of the Netherlands was signed at The Hague on 26 February 1987,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

PART I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1

Definitions

1. For the purpose 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 by virtue of the legislation specified in Article II;

"competent authority" means, as regards a Party, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the administration of the legislation specified in Article II with respect to that Party;

"competent institution" means, as regards Canada, the competent authority; and, as regards the Netherlands, the institution charged with the implementation of the legislation specified in Article II, which is competent under the applicable legislation;

"creditable period" means, as regards a Party, a period of contributions, insurance, employment or residence used to acquire the right to a benefit under the legislation of that Party;