

## ARTICLE XVII

1. The benefit paying institutions or authorities shall discharge their obligations under this Agreement in their national currency.
2. Benefits shall be paid to beneficiaries free from deductions for administrative expenses or any other charges that may be incurred in paying the benefits.

## ARTICLE XVIII

The competent authorities of the two States shall resolve, to the extent possible, any difficulties which arise in interpreting or applying this Agreement according to its spirit and fundamental principles.

## ARTICLE XIX

The competent authority of Sweden and 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 XX

1. Any creditable period established 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. No provision of this Agreement shall confer any right to receive payment of a benefit for a period before the date of entry into force of the Agreement.
3. Subject to the other provisions of this Article, a benefit, other than a lump sum payment, shall be payable under this Agreement in respect of events which happened before the date of entry into force of the Agreement.
4. On receipt of an application from the person concerned, a benefit granted prior to the entry into force of this Agreement shall be recalculated according to its provisions. Such a recalculation may also be made by a competent institution of a State, without an application having been submitted. In no case shall a recalculation result in a reduction of the benefit paid.
5. Provisions in the legislation of a State concerning the prescription or termination of the right to a benefit shall not apply to rights arising out of this Agreement, provided that an application for that benefit is made within two years of the date of entry into force of this Agreement.