

**PART I**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**ARTICLE 1**

**Definitions**

1. For the purpose of this Agreement:

“legislation” means, as regards a Party, the laws, regulations and statutory acts specified in Article 2;

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

“competent authority” means:

as regards Canada, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the application of the legislation of Canada; and,

as regards Romania, the ministry or ministries responsible for the legislation specified in Article 2;

“competent institution” means:

as regards Canada, the competent authority; and,

as regards Romania, the body or authority responsible for applying the legislation specified in Article 2;

“creditable period” means:

as regards Canada, a period of contribution used to acquire the right to a benefit under the *Canada Pension Plan*; a period during which a disability pension is paid under that Plan; and a period of residence used to acquire the right to a benefit under the *Old Age Security Act*; and,

as regards Romania, periods of contribution and equivalent periods completed under the legislation of Romania.

2. Any term not defined in this Article shall have the meaning assigned to it in the applicable law of either Party.