

PART I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

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Definitions

1. For the purposes 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; however, for the purposes of Articles VIII, IX and X, "benefit" does not include a grant payable under the legislation of Antigua and Barbuda;

"competent authority" means, as regards Canada, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the application of the legislation of Canada; and, as regards Antigua and Barbuda, the Minister responsible for the subject of Social Security;

"competent institution" means, as regards Canada, the competent authority; and, as regards Antigua and Barbuda, the Antigua and Barbuda Social Security Board;

"creditable period" means, as regards a Party, a period of contributions, whether paid or credited, or a period of residence used to acquire the right to a benefit under the legislation of that Party; as regards Canada, it also means a period during which a disability pension is payable under the *Canada Pension Plan*;

"Government of Canada" means the Government in its capacity as representative of Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada and represented by the Minister of National Health and Welfare;

"legislation" means, as regards a Party, the laws and regulations specified in Article II, paragraph 1. with respect to that Party.