

2. The liaison agencies of the two Contracting Parties shall be designated in this arrangement.

ARTICLE XVIII

1. The competent authorities and the institutions responsible for the application of this Agreement:

- (a) shall communicate to each other any information necessary in respect of the application of this Agreement;
- (b) shall lend their good offices and furnish assistance free of charge to one another with regard to any matter relating to the application of this Agreement;
- (c) shall communicate to each other, as soon as possible, all information about the measures taken by them for the application of this Agreement or about changes in their respective legislation insofar as these changes affect the application of this Agreement.

2. Any information furnished by virtue of paragraph 1 shall be used only for the purposes of applying this Agreement and the legislation to which this Agreement applies and for no other purpose.

ARTICLE XIX

1. Any exemption from, or reduction of charges provided for in the legislation of one Party in connection with the issuing of any certificate or document required to be produced for the application of that legislation, shall be extended to certificates or documents required to be produced for the application of the legislation of the other Party.

2. Any acts or documents of an official nature required to be produced for application of this Agreement shall be exempt from any certification or similar formality.

ARTICLE XX

Any claim, notice or appeal which should, for the purposes of the legislation of one of the Parties, have been presented within a prescribed period to a competent authority or institution of that Party responsible for the application of this Agreement, but which is in fact presented within the same period to the corresponding authority or institution of the other Party, shall be treated as if it had been presented to the authority or institution of the former Party. In such cases, the authority or institution of the latter Party shall, as soon as possible, arrange for the claim, notice or appeal to be sent to the authority or institution of the former Party.

ARTICLE XXI

For application of this Agreement, the competent authorities and institutions of the two Parties may communicate directly with one another in any of the official languages of either Party.