

FINAL PROTOCOL

to the Convention on Social Security between Canada and the Swiss Confederation

At the time of signing the Convention on Social Security between Canada and the Swiss Confederation, the undersigned plenipotentiaries stated that they are in agreement on the following points:

1. Paragraph 1 of Article 4 shall not apply to the Swiss legal provisions on
 - a) voluntary Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance of Swiss nationals residing abroad;
 - b) Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance of Swiss nationals working abroad for an employer in Switzerland and being paid by that employer;
 - c) welfare allowances granted to Swiss nationals residing abroad.
2. The provisions of the Convention shall not prevent the application of a provision of the legislation of Switzerland which would be more advantageous to persons with respect to benefits.
3. With respect to paragraph 1 of Article 6, the income a person receives from gainful employment in the territory of Canada shall not be taken into account in the calculation of contributions required under the legislation of Switzerland.
4. The spouse and children accompanying a detached person in Switzerland within the meaning of Article 7 shall be exempted from coverage under the legislation of Switzerland in so far as they are not pursuing gainful employment in Switzerland.