

ARTICLE 9**Exceptions to Articles 6 to 8**

The competent authorities of the Parties may, by common agreement, make exceptions to the provisions of Articles 6 to 8 with respect to any person or categories of persons.

ARTICLE 10**Definition of Certain Periods of Residence with Respect to the Legislation of Canada**

1. For the purpose of calculating the amount of benefits under the *Old Age Security Act*:
 - (a) if a person is subject to the *Canada Pension Plan* or to the comprehensive pension plan of a province of Canada during any period of presence or residence in the Republic of Latvia, that period shall be considered as a period of residence in Canada for that person as well as for his or her spouse or common-law partner and dependants who reside with him or her in the Republic of Latvia, and who are not subject to the legislation of the Republic of Latvia by reason of employment or self-employment;
 - (b) if a person is subject to the legislation of the Republic of Latvia during any period of presence or residence in Canada, that period shall not be considered as a period of residence in Canada for that person nor for his or her spouse or common-law partner and dependants who reside with him or her in Canada, and who are not subject to the *Canada Pension Plan* or to the comprehensive pension plan of a province of Canada by reason of employment or self-employment.
2. In the application of paragraph 1:
 - (a) a person shall be considered to be subject to the *Canada Pension Plan* or to the comprehensive pension plan of a province of Canada during a period of presence or residence in the Republic of Latvia only if that person makes contributions pursuant to the plan concerned during that period by reason of employment or self-employment;
 - (b) a person shall be considered to be subject to the legislation of the Republic of Latvia during a period of presence or residence in Canada only if that person or that person's employer makes contributions pursuant to legislation of the Republic of Latvia during that period by reason of employment or self-employment.