

**AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY**  
**BETWEEN**  
**CANADA**  
**AND**  
**THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

**CANADA AND THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC**, hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties",

**RESOLVED** to co-operate in the field of social security,  
**HAVE DECIDED** to conclude an agreement for this purpose, and  
**HAVE AGREED** as follows:

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

**ARTICLE 1**

**Definitions**

1. For the purposes of this Agreement:
  - (a) "benefit" means, as regards a Contracting Party, any cash benefit for which provision is made in the legislation of that Contracting Party and includes any supplements or increases applicable to such a cash benefit;
  - (b) "competent authority" means, as regards Canada, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the application of the legislation of Canada; and, as regards the Slovak Republic, the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic;
  - (c) "competent institution" means, as regards Canada, the competent authority; and, as regards the Slovak Republic, the institution responsible for applying the legislation of the Slovak Republic;
  - (d) "creditable period" means, as regards a Contracting Party, a period of contributions, employment or residence used to acquire the right to a benefit under the legislation of that Contracting Party; also, as regards Canada, it means a period during which a disability pension is payable under the *Canada Pension Plan*; and, as regards the Slovak Republic, an equivalent period under the legislation of the Slovak Republic;