

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

CANADA and THE CZECH REPUBLIC, hereinafter referred to as “the 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:

“benefit” means, as regards a Party, any cash benefit for which provision is made in the legislation of that Party and includes any supplements or increases applicable to such a cash benefit;

“competent authority” means, as regards a Party, the Minister or Ministry responsible for the application of the legislation of that Party;

“competent institution” means:

as regards Canada, the competent authority; and

as regards the Czech Republic, the institution which provides benefits under the legislation of that Party;

“creditable period” means:

as regards Canada, a period of contributions or residence used to acquire the right to a benefit under the legislation of Canada, and includes a period during which a disability pension is payable under the *Canada Pension Plan*; and