

2. The date that a claim for a benefit is submitted under the legislation of a Party shall be deemed to be the date of submission of a claim for the corresponding benefit under the legislation of the other Party, provided that the applicant at the time of application provides information indicating that periods of coverage have been completed under the legislation of the other Party. This paragraph shall not apply to a claim submitted before the date of entry into force of this Agreement or if the applicant requests that the claim to the benefit under the legislation of the other Party be delayed.

3. The competent authority or institution to which a claim, notice or appeal has been submitted shall transmit it without delay to the competent authority or institution of the other Party.

ARTICLE 22

Payment of Benefits

1. A Party shall pay benefits under this Agreement to a beneficiary who resides outside its territory in a freely convertible currency according to the legislation it applies.

2. A Party shall pay benefits under this Agreement without any deduction for its administrative expenses.

ARTICLE 23

Resolution of Disputes

1. The competent authorities of the Parties shall resolve, to the extent possible, any disputes which arise in interpreting or applying this Agreement according to its fundamental principles.

2. Any dispute which has not been resolved in accordance with paragraph 1 shall be promptly settled by negotiations between the Parties.

ARTICLE 24

Understandings with a Province of Canada

The relevant authority of Brazil and a province of Canada may conclude understandings concerning any social security matter within provincial jurisdiction in Canada insofar as those understandings are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement.