

be produced for the application of that legislation, shall be extended to certificates or documents required to be produced for the application of the legislation of the other Party.

2. Any acts or documents of an official nature required for the application of this Agreement shall be exempt from certification or similar formality.

ARTICLE XVII

Any claim, notice or appeal which should, for the purposes of the legislation of one of the Parties, have been presented within a prescribed period to the competent authority of that Party or one of its institutions responsible for the application of this Agreement, but which is in fact presented within the same period to the corresponding authority or institution of the other Party, shall be treated as if it had been presented to the authority or institution of the former Party. In such cases, the authority or institution of the latter Party shall, as soon as possible, arrange for the claim, notice or appeal to be sent to the authority or institution of the former Party.

ARTICLE XVIII

For the application of this Agreement, the competent authorities and institutions of the two Parties may communicate in one or the other of the official languages of the Parties.

ARTICLE XIX

The competent authorities of the two Parties will make every effort to resolve any difficulty in the interpretation or application of this Agreement, according to its spirit and fundamental principles.

ARTICLE XX

1. In the event of the termination of this Agreement, any right acquired by a person in accordance with its provisions shall be maintained and negotiations shall take place for the settlement of any rights then in course of acquisition by virtue of those provisions.

2. No provision of this Agreement shall confer any right to receive a pension, allowance or benefit for a period before the date of the entry into force of the Agreement.

3. Except where otherwise provided in this Agreement, any credited period established before the date of entry into force of the Agreement shall be taken into account for the purpose of determining the right to benefit under this Agreement.

4. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Article, a pension, allowance or benefit shall be payable under this Agreement in respect of events which happened before the date of entry into force of this Agreement.