

AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY**BETWEEN****CANADA****AND****THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA**

CANADA AND THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA, 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 pension or other cash benefit for which provision is made in the legislation of that Party and includes any supplements or increases applicable to such a pension or cash benefit;

"competent authority" means, as regards the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry responsible for the application of the legislation of the Republic of Latvia; and, as regards Canada, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the application of the legislation of Canada;

"competent institution" means, as regards the Republic of Latvia, the institution which is responsible for providing benefits under the applicable legislation; and, as regards Canada, the competent authority;

"creditable period" means, as regards a Party, a period of contributions or residence used to acquire the right to a benefit under the legislation of that Party; and, as regards the Republic of Latvia, it also means a period deemed under the legislation of the Republic of Latvia as equivalent to an insurance period; and, as regards Canada, a period during which a disability pension is payable under the *Canada Pension Plan*;

"legislation" means, as regards a Party, the laws and regulations specified in Article 2 with respect to that Party;