

**PROTOCOL BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FRENCH REPUBLIC ON SOCIAL SECURITY**

Upon the signing on this date of the Agreement on Social Security between the Government of Canada and the Government of the French Republic,

Considering that in Canada:

- nationals of France are entitled to benefits under the Old Age Security program on the same basis as other residents of Canada, and
- nationals of France, including students, have access to the network of Canadian provincial social assistance services without restriction as to nationality,

it has been agreed that the following provisions shall apply in France:

1. Allowance for Elderly Employees

The allowance for elderly employees shall be granted, under the conditions provided in the legislation of France on elderly employees, to elderly Canadian employees with insufficient resources who, at the time of application, have at least fifteen years of uninterrupted residence in France.

2. Old Age Allowance for Self-Employed

Nationals of Canada who having pursued in France a self-employed activity covered by an old age allowance plan referred to in Part I of Volume VIII of the Social Security Code, had never contributed to that program, shall have access to the non-contributory old age allowance for the self-employed on the same basis as nationals of France subject to their establishing that they have resided in France for a total of at least fifteen years after age twenty and have resided normally in France for at least five years without interruption at the time of application for benefits.

3. Special Allowance

Nationals of Canada shall have access to the special allowance provided for in Part II of Volume VIII of the Social Security Code on the same basis as nationals of France subject to their establishing that they have resided in France for a total of at least fifteen years after age twenty and have resided normally in France for five years without interruption at the time application for benefits.