

CANADA

**AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF
CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA**

Canada and the Republic of Austria,

RESOLVED to regulate the mutual relations between the two States in the field of social security,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1

1. For purposes of this Agreement,

- (a) "legislation" means, in relation to Austria, the laws, regulations and statutory instruments which relate to the branches of social security specified in subparagraph 1.(a) of Article 2; and, in relation to Canada, the laws and regulations specified in subparagraph 1.(b) of Article 2;
- (b) "national" means, in relation to Austria, an Austrian citizen; and, in relation to Canada, a Canadian citizen;
- (c) "competent authority" means, in relation to Austria, the Federal Minister for Social Affairs; and, in relation to Canada, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the administration of the legislation of Canada;
- (d) "institution" means, in relation to Austria, the institution responsible for the application of Austrian legislation; and, in relation to Canada, the competent authority;
- (e) "competent institution" means the institution competent under the applicable legislation to deal with the matter in question;
- (f) "period of coverage" means a period of contributions or a period of residence which is defined or recognized as a period of coverage by the legislation under which it has been completed, or any similar period insofar as it is considered equivalent to a period of coverage by that legislation;
- (g) "cash benefit" means a pension or any other cash benefit, including any increases.