

2. If, after the entry into force of this Agreement, a person files a written application for benefits with the agency of a Contracting State under the legislation of that Contracting State, and if that person has not explicitly requested that the application be restricted to benefits under that legislation, the application shall also protect the rights of that person to corresponding benefits under the legislation of the other Contracting State, provided that the person at the time of application:
  - (a) requests that it be considered as an application under the legislation of the other Contracting State, or
  - (b) provides information indicating that periods of coverage have been completed under the legislation of the other Contracting State.
3. In any case to which paragraph 1 or 2 applies, the authority or agency to which the claim, notice or appeal has been submitted shall indicate the date of receipt of the document and transmit it without delay to the authority or agency of the other Contracting State.

#### ARTICLE 17

##### Payment of Benefits

1. The agency of a Contracting State shall pay benefits in accordance with this Agreement in the currency of that Contracting State.
2. In the event that a Contracting State imposes currency controls or other similar measures that restrict payments, remittance or transfers of funds or financial instruments to persons who are outside that Contracting State, it shall, without delay, take appropriate measures to ensure the payment of any amount that must be paid in accordance with this Agreement to persons described in Article 3 who reside in the other Contracting State.

#### ARTICLE 18

##### Resolution of Difficulties

Any disagreement regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be resolved by consultation between the competent authorities of the Contracting States.

#### ARTICLE 19

##### Understandings with a Province of Canada

The Government of the Republic of Korea 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.