

PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1

Definitions

1. For the purposes of this Agreement:

“benefit” means, as regards a Party, any cash benefit for which provision is made in the legislation of that Party and includes any supplements or increases applicable to such a cash benefit;

“competent authority” means, as regards a Party, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the application of the legislation of that Party;

“competent institution” means, as regards the Republic of Lithuania, the institution or institutions responsible for the administration of the legislation specified in Article 2; and, as regards Canada, the competent authority;

“creditable period” means, as regards a Party, a period of contributions, insurance or residence used to acquire the right to a benefit under the legislation of that Party; as regards Canada, it also means 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;

“resident” means, as regards the Republic of Lithuania, a person who legally resides in the territory of the Republic of Lithuania, including a person who is granted permanent residence or temporary residence status.

2. Any term not defined in this Article has the meaning assigned to it in the applicable national legislation.

ARTICLE 2

Legislation to which the Agreement Applies

1. This Agreement shall apply to the following legislation:

(a) with respect to the Republic of Lithuania:

(i) the *Law on State Social Insurance Pensions* and the regulations made thereunder;