

ARTICLE 23

Payment of Benefits

1. (a) The competent institution of Canada shall pay its benefits under this Agreement in the currency of Canada.
- (b) The competent institution of the Czech Republic shall pay its benefits under this Agreement to a beneficiary resident in Canada or a third State in the currency of Canada or in any other freely convertible currency.
2. The competent institutions of the Parties shall pay their benefits under this Agreement without any deduction for their administrative expenses.

ARTICLE 24

Resolution of Difficulties

1. The competent authorities of the Parties shall resolve, to the extent possible, any difficulties which arise in interpreting or applying this Agreement.
2. Any dispute which has not been resolved in accordance with paragraph 1 shall be settled by negotiations between the Parties.

ARTICLE 25

Understandings with a Province of Canada

The relevant authority of the Czech Republic and a province of Canada may conclude understandings concerning any social security matter within provincial jurisdiction in Canada in so far as those understandings are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement.