PART IV

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 17

Administrative Agreements

1. The Parties shall conclude Administrative Agreements that establish the measures necessary for the application of this Convention.

2. The Parties shall designate their competent institutions and liaison agencies in the Administrative Agreements.

ARTICLE 18

Exchange of Information and Mutual Assistance

- 1. The Parties shall:
 - (a) communicate to each other, to the extent permitted by the laws of each Party, any information necessary for the application of this Convention;
 - (b) provide assistance to one another for the purpose of determining eligibility for, and the amount of, any benefit under this Convention, or under the legislation, as if the matter involved the application of their own legislation;
 - (c) communicate to each other, as soon as possible, all information about the measures taken by them for the application of this Convention or about changes in their respective legislation, if these changes affect the application of this Convention.

2. The Parties shall provide the assistance referred to in paragraph 1(b) free of charge, unless otherwise specified in an Administrative Agreement concluded pursuant to Article 17 for the reimbursement of certain types of expenses.

3. Unless disclosure is required under the laws of a Party, any information about a person which is transmitted in accordance with this Convention from one Party to the other Party is confidential and shall be used only for purposes of implementing this Convention and the legislation to which this Convention applies. Information about a person obtained by the receiving Party shall not be disclosed subsequently to any other person, body or country unless the sending Party is notified and considers it advisable and the information is disclosed only for the same purpose for which it was originally disclosed.