

PART IV
ADMINISTRATIVE AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 17

Administrative Arrangement

1. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties shall establish, by means of an administrative arrangement, the measures necessary for the application of this Agreement.
2. The liaison agencies of the Contracting Parties shall be designated in that arrangement.

ARTICLE 18

Exchange of Information and Mutual Assistance

1. The competent authorities and institutions responsible for the application of this Agreement:
 - (a) shall, to the extent permitted by the legislation which they administer, communicate to each other any information necessary for the application of this Agreement;
 - (b) shall lend their good offices and furnish assistance to one another for the purpose of determining eligibility for, or the amount of, any benefit under this Agreement, or under the legislation to which this Agreement applies, as if the matter involved the application of their own legislation;
 - (c) shall communicate to each other, as soon as possible, all information about the measures taken by them for the application of this Agreement or about changes in their respective legislation in so far as these changes affect the application of this Agreement.
2. The assistance referred to in sub-paragraph 1(b) shall be provided free of charge, subject to paragraph 3 and to any provision contained in an administrative arrangement concluded pursuant to Article 17 for the reimbursement of certain types of expenses.
3. If the competent institution of a Contracting Party requires that a claimant or a beneficiary who resides in the territory of the other Contracting Party undergo a medical examination, the competent institution of the latter Contracting Party, at the request of the competent institution of the first Contracting Party, shall make arrangements for carrying out this examination. If the medical examination is exclusively for the use of the institution which requests it, that competent institution shall reimburse the competent institution of the other Contracting Party for the costs of the examination. However, if the medical examination is for the use of both competent institutions, there shall be no reimbursement of costs.