

PART V
TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article XXIII

*Consideration of Previous Events and Periods
and Transitional Provisions*

1. Any creditable period completed before the date of entry into force of this Agreement shall be taken into account for the purpose of determining the right to a benefit under this Agreement.
2. Subject to paragraph 4, no provision of this Agreement shall confer any right to receive payment of a benefit for a period before the date of entry into force of this Agreement.
3. Subject to paragraph 2, a benefit, other than a lump-sum payment, shall be paid under this Agreement in respect of events which happened before the date of entry into force of this Agreement.
4. Claims for benefits under consideration on the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and claims for such benefits received after that date where entitlement would exist prior to that date through the application of the Agreement with respect to Social Security between Canada and the Hellenic Republic, signed at Athens on 7 May 1981, shall be determined according to that Agreement in regard to rights established up to the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and according to this Agreement in regard to rights arising from this Agreement.