

PART I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1

Definitions

1. For the purposes of this Agreement:

“benefit” means, for 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, for Canada, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the application of the legislation of Canada; for Brazil, the Minister responsible for the application of the legislation of Brazil;

“competent institution” means, for Canada, the competent authority; and, as regards Brazil, the Instituto Nacional do Seguro Social;

“dependants” means, for Brazil, those persons included in the legislation specified in Article 2;

“legislation” means, for a Party, the laws and regulations specified in Article 2;

“period of coverage” means:

for Canada, a period of contribution used to acquire the right to a benefit under the *Canada Pension Plan*; a period during which a disability pension is paid under that Plan; and a period of residence used to acquire the right to a benefit under the *Old Age Security Act*; and

for Brazil, a period of actual or equivalent contribution used to acquire a right to a benefit under the legislation specified in Article 2.

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