

- (b) provides information at the time of application indicating that creditable periods have been completed under the legislation of the other Party.

However, the applicant may request that the claim to the benefit under the legislation of the other Party be deferred.

3. In any case to which paragraph 1 or 2 applies, the authority or institution to which the claim, notice or appeal has been submitted shall transmit it without delay to the authority or institution of the other Party.

#### Article XIX

1. The institution or authority of a Party may discharge its obligations under this Agreement in the currency of that Party or in any other freely convertible currency.
2. Benefits shall be paid to beneficiaries free from any deduction for administrative expenses that may be incurred in paying the benefits.

#### Article XX

The competent authorities of the Parties shall resolve, to the extent possible, any difficulties which arise in interpreting or applying this Agreement according to its spirit and fundamental principles.

#### Article XXI

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