

**PART V**  
**TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

**ARTICLE 26**

**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 and its amount.
2. The provisions of this Agreement shall not confer any right to receive payment of a benefit for a period before the date of entry into force of this Agreement.
3. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 of this Article, a benefit, other than a lump sum payment, shall be paid under this Agreement in respect of contingencies which occurred before the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 27**

**Duration and Termination**

1. This Agreement shall remain in force without any limitation on its duration. It may be terminated at any time by either Contracting Party giving 12 months' notice in writing to the other Contracting Party.
2. In the event that this Agreement is terminated, any right acquired by a person in accordance with its provisions shall be maintained. This Agreement shall continue to have effect in relation to all persons who, prior to its termination, had applied for and would have acquired rights by virtue of this Agreement.