

- (6) "Period of coverage" means,  
a period of payment of contributions or a period of earnings from employment or self-employment, as defined or recognized as a period of coverage by the laws under which such period has been completed, or any similar period insofar as it is recognized by such laws as equivalent to a period of coverage; a period of residence shall not be recognized as a period of coverage;
- (7) "Benefit" means,  
any benefit provided for in the laws of either Contracting State;
- (8) "Stateless person" means,  
a person defined as a stateless person in Article 1 of the Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons dated September 28, 1954;
- (9) "Refugee" means,  
a person defined as a refugee in Article 1 of the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees dated July 28, 1951, and the Protocol to that Convention dated January 31, 1967.

## ARTICLE II

- (1) For the purpose of this Agreement, the applicable laws are:
- (a) As regards the United States, the laws governing the Federal Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance Program:
- (i) Title II of the Social Security Act and regulations pertaining thereto, except sections 226, 226A and 228 of that title and regulations pertaining to those sections,
- and
- (ii) Chapter 2 and Chapter 21 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and regulations pertaining to those chapters;
- (b) As regards Canada:
- (i) the Old Age Security Act and regulations made thereunder,
- and
- (ii) the Canada Pension Plan and regulations made thereunder.
- (2) Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, the applicable laws referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article do not include treaties or other agreements concluded between either Contracting State and a third State and laws or regulations promulgated for their implementation.