

**PART V**

**TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

**ARTICLE 25**

**Transitional Provisions**

1. This Agreement shall not confer any right to receive payment of a benefit for any period before the date of entry into force of this Agreement.
2. When determining the right to a benefit or the amount of a benefit under this Agreement, any creditable period completed before the entry into force of this Agreement shall be taken into account.
3. Subject to paragraph 1, a benefit, other than a lump sum benefit, shall be paid under this Agreement in respect of events which happened before the date of entry into force of this Agreement.
4. Benefits granted before the entry into force of this Agreement may, upon application by the beneficiary, be recalculated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. In no case shall such a recalculation result in any reduction in the amount of a benefit.

**ARTICLE 26**

**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 Party giving written notice of termination through the diplomatic channel to the other Party; in such a case, the termination shall take effect on the first day of the thirteenth month following the final day of the month in which the first Party has delivered a written notice to the other Party.
2. In the event of the termination of this Agreement, any right acquired by a person in accordance with its provisions shall be maintained and negotiations shall take place for the settlement of any rights then in course of acquisition by virtue of those provisions.