

## PART I GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Article I *Definitions*

1. For the purposes of this Agreement:

“benefit” means, as regards a Party, any pension or cash benefit for which provision is made in the legislation of that Party and includes any supplements or increases applicable to such a pension or cash benefit;

“competent authority” means, as regards Canada, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the application of the legislation of Canada; and, as regards Sweden, the Government or the authority nominated by the Government;

“competent institution” means, as regards Canada, the competent authority; and, as regards Sweden, the authority charged with the implementation of the legislation specified in Article II;

“creditable period” means, as regards a Party, a period of contributions, insurance or residence used to acquire the right to a benefit under the legislation of that Party; as regards Canada, it also means a period during which a disability pension is payable under the *Canada Pension Plan*;

“guaranteed pension” means, as regards the legislation of Sweden, a guaranteed pension to old-age pensions and a guaranteed pension to survivors' pensions;

“legislation” means, as regards a Party, the laws and regulations specified in Article II with respect to that Party;

“previous Agreement” means the Agreement on Social Security between Canada and Sweden signed at Stockholm on 10 April 1985.

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