

5. If the President of the International Court of Justice is a citizen of either Party, the function of appointment shall be transferred to the Vice-president or the next most senior member of the Court who is not a citizen of either Party.
6. The arbitral tribunal shall determine its own procedures, but it shall reach its decisions by a majority of votes.
7. The decision of the arbitral tribunal shall be final and binding.

## ARTICLE 21

### *Understandings with a Province of Canada*

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

## PART V

### TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

## ARTICLE 22

### *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. No provision of this Agreement shall confer any right to receive payment of a benefit for a period before the date of entry into force of this Agreement.
3. Subject to paragraph 2 of this Article, a benefit, other than a lump sum payment, shall be paid under this Agreement in respect of events which happened before the date of entry into force of this Agreement.