

3. Unless disclosure is required under the laws of a Party, any information about a person which is transmitted in accordance with this Agreement to that Party by the other Party is confidential and shall be used only for purposes of implementing this Agreement and the legislation to which this Agreement applies. Information about a person obtained by the receiving Party shall not be disclosed subsequently to any other person, body or country unless the sending Party is notified and is in concurrence and the information is disclosed only for the same purpose for which it was originally disclosed.

ARTICLE 19

Exemption or Reduction of Dues, Fees and Charges

1. If any exemption from or reduction of legal dues, consular fees and administrative charges is included in the legislation of a Party to a category of persons in connection with the issuing of any certificate or document required for the application of that legislation, this exemption or reduction shall be extended by the first Party to the same category of persons for the application of the legislation of the other Party.

2. Documents of an official nature required to be produced for the application of this Agreement shall be exempt from any authentication by diplomatic or consular authorities and similar formality.

ARTICLE 20

Language of Communication

For the application of this Agreement, the competent authorities and institutions of the Parties may communicate directly with one another in any official language of either Party.

ARTICLE 21

Submitting a Claim, Notice or Appeal

1. Claims, notices and appeals concerning eligibility for, or the amount of, a benefit under the legislation of a Party which should, for the purposes of that legislation, have been submitted within a prescribed period to a competent authority or institution of that Party, but which are submitted within the same period to a competent authority or institution of the other Party, shall be treated as if they had been submitted to the competent authority or institution of the first Party. The date of submission of claims, notices and appeals to the competent authority or institution of the other Party shall be deemed to be the date of submission to the competent authority or institution of the first Party.