

ARTICLE 28

Exemption from Taxes, Fees and Authentication

1. Any exemption from or reduction of taxes, legal dues, consular fees or administrative charges for which provision is made in the legislation of one Party in connection with the issuing of any certificate or document required to be produced for the application of that legislation shall be extended to certificates or documents required to be produced for the application of the legislation of the other Party.

2. Any acts or 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 or similar formality.

ARTICLE 29

Communications

1. For the application of this Agreement, the competent authorities and institutions of the two Parties may communicate directly with one another and with the individuals concerned in any of the official languages of either Party. They may also, if necessary, communicate through their diplomatic and consular channels.

2. Any claim which is made to a competent authority or institution of a Party in connection with the application of this Agreement shall be dealt with even if written in an official language of the other Party.

ARTICLE 30

Presentation of Claims, Communications or Appeals within Prescribed Period

1. Any claim, notice or appeal which should, for the purposes of the legislation of one Party, have been presented within a prescribed period to a competent authority or institution of that Party, but which is presented within the same period to a competent authority or institution of the other Party, shall be treated as if it has been presented to the authority or institution of the first Party.

2. A claim for a benefit payable under the legislation of one Party shall be deemed to be a claim for the corresponding benefit payable under the legislation of the other Party, unless the applicant explicitly requests that his claim to the benefit of the other Party be delayed.

3. In any case to which the preceding paragraphs of this Article apply, the authority or institution to which the claim, notice or appeal has been submitted shall transmit it without delay to the authority or institution of the other Party.

ARTICLE 31

Mode of Payment and Provisions on Currency

1. The competent institution of a Party shall pay its benefits directly to the persons entitled thereto in the currency of that Party.