(d) “competent authority” means,

as regards Japan,
any of the Governmental organizations competent for the Japanese pension systems specified in paragraph 1 of Article 2,

as regards the Slovak Republic,
the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic;

(e) “competent institution” means,

as regards Japan,
any of the insurance institutions, or any association thereof, responsible for the implementation of the Japanese pension systems specified in paragraph 1 of Article 2,

as regards the Slovak Republic,
the institution responsible for the implementation of the legislation of the Slovak Republic;

(f) “period of coverage” means,

a period of contribution under the legislation of a Contracting State and any other period taken into account under that legislation for establishing entitlement to benefits; and

(g) “benefit” means,

a pension or any other cash benefit under the legislation of a Contracting State.

2. For the purpose of this Agreement, any term not defined in this Agreement shall have the meaning assigned to it under the applicable legislation of the respective Contracting States.

3. The headings of Parts, Chapters and Articles of this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement.

Article 2
Matters Covered

This Agreement shall apply,

1. as regards Japan, to the following Japanese pension systems:

(a) the National Pension (except the National Pension Fund); and

(b) the Employees’ Pension Insurance (except the Employees’ Pension Fund);

however, for the purpose of this Agreement, the National Pension shall not include the Old Age Welfare Pension or any other pensions which are granted on a transitional or complementary basis for the purpose of welfare and which are payable wholly or mainly out of national budgetary resources; and

2. as regards the Slovak Republic:

(a) to the Act on Social Insurance, Sections pertaining to pension benefits (old-age benefits, early retirement benefits, disability benefits, widows and widowers benefits, orphans benefits and the equalizing supplement); and

(b) with regard to the Part II and relevant provisions of this Agreement, to the Act on Social Insurance, Sections pertaining to participation in Social Insurance.

3. This Agreement shall also apply to all amendments to the legislations of both Contracting States insofar as they do not modify substantially the scope of the systems regulated or implemented by those prior to such amendments.

Article 3
Persons Covered

This Agreement shall apply to a person who is or has been subject to the legislation of a Contracting State, as well as family members or survivors who derive rights from such person.