Article 23
Submission of Applications, Appeals and Declarations

1. When a written application for benefits, an appeal or any other declaration under the legislation of a Contracting State is submitted to a competent authority or competent institution of the other Contracting State which is competent to receive similar applications, appeals or declarations under the legislation of that other Contracting State, that application for benefits, appeal or declaration shall be deemed to be submitted on the same date to the competent authority or competent institution of the first Contracting State and shall be dealt with, according to the procedure and legislation of the first Contracting State.

2. The competent authority or competent institution of a Contracting State shall send the application for benefits, appeal or any other declaration submitted in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article to the competent authority or competent institution of the other Contracting State without delay.

Article 24
Payment of Benefits

1. Payments of benefits under this Agreement may be made in the currency of either Contracting State.

2. In case provisions for restricting the exchange of currencies or remittance are introduced by either Contracting State, the Governments of both Contracting States shall immediately consult on the measures necessary to ensure the payments of benefits by that Contracting State under this Agreement.

Article 25
Resolution of Disagreement

1. Any disagreement regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be resolved by consultation by competent institutions, the competent authorities, or the relevant authorities of both Contracting States.

2. If any disagreement cannot be resolved in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article, it shall be submitted, at the request of either Contracting State, for decision to an arbitral tribunal which shall be constituted for each individual case in the following manner:

(a) each Contracting State shall appoint an arbitrator no later than sixty days after the date when a Contracting State has notified the other Contracting State through diplomatic channels of the request for arbitration. The two arbitrators shall agree to appoint a third arbitrator as chairman of the arbitral tribunal, who shall not be a national of either Contracting State, and who shall be appointed no later than thirty days after the date when the Contracting State which was the later to appoint its arbitrator has notified the other Contracting State of the appointment; and

(b) if either Contracting State fails to appoint an arbitrator, or if the arbitrators appointed by the Contracting States do not agree upon a chairman within the respective periods referred to in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph, either Contracting State may request the President of the International Court of Justice to make the necessary appointments. If the President of the International Court of Justice is a national of a Contracting State or is prevented from making the appointments for any other reason, the Vice-President of the International Court of Justice or, if the Vice-President is similarly prevented from acting, the most senior judge of the International Court of Justice who is not prevented may be requested to make the appointments.

3. The decision of the arbitral tribunal, which shall be binding and final on both Contracting States, shall be by majority vote.

4. Unless the arbitral tribunal decides otherwise:

(a) each Contracting State shall bear the cost for its arbitrator, and of its representation before the arbitral tribunal; and

(b) the costs of the chairman and other expenses shall be shared equally between both Contracting States.

5. The arbitral tribunal shall determine its own rules of procedure.