Article 26
Headings

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.

PART V
TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 27
Transitional Provisions

1. This Agreement shall not establish any entitlement to benefits for any period prior to its entry into force.

2. In the implementation of this Agreement, periods of coverage completed before its entry into force as well as other legally relevant events occurring before its entry into force shall also be taken into account.

3. The application of this Agreement shall not, for a beneficiary, result in any reduction in the amount of benefits to which entitlement was established before the entry into force of this Agreement.

4. In applying Article 7, in the case of a person who has been working in the territory of a Contracting State and has been covered under the legislation of the other Contracting State until the entry into force of this Agreement, the period of detachment or self-employed activity referred to in Article 7 shall be considered to begin on the date of entry into force of this Agreement.

5. Decisions made before the entry into force of this Agreement shall not affect any rights to be established by virtue of this Agreement.

6. Claims which were determined before the entry into force of this Agreement shall, upon the request of the person concerned, be re-examined in accordance with this Agreement.

Article 28
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the third month following the month in which the Contracting States shall have completed an exchange of diplomatic notes informing each other that their respective constitutional requirements necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement have been fulfilled.

Article 29
Duration and Termination

1. This Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period. Either Contracting State may give to the other Contracting State, through diplomatic channels, written notice of termination of this Agreement. In that event, this Agreement shall remain in force until the last day of the twelfth month following the month in which the termination was notified.

2. If this Agreement is terminated in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article, rights regarding entitlement to and payment of benefits acquired under this Agreement shall be retained.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done in duplicate at Stockholm on 11 April, 2019, in the Japanese, Swedish and English languages, each text being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of Japan　　For the Government of Sweden

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