Article 17
Calculation of the Amount of Benefits

1. Where entitlement to a Japanese benefit is established by virtue of paragraph 1 of Article 15 or Article 16, the Japanese competent institution shall calculate the amount of that benefit in accordance with the Japanese legislation, subject to paragraphs 2 to 4 of this Article.

2. With regard to the Disability Basic Pension and other benefits, the amount of which is a fixed sum granted regardless of the period of coverage, if the requirements for receiving such benefits are fulfilled by virtue of paragraph 1 of Article 15 or Article 16, the amount to be granted shall be calculated according to the proportion of the sum of the periods of contribution and the premium-exempted periods under the pension system from which such benefits will be paid to the sum of those periods of contribution and premium-exempted periods and periods of coverage pursuant to the Austrian legislation.

3. With regard to disability benefits and survivors' benefits under the Employees' Pension Insurance, insofar as the amount of those benefits to be granted is calculated on the basis of the specified period determined by the Japanese legislation when the periods of coverage pursuant to the Employees' Pension Insurance are less than that specified period, if the requirements for receiving such benefits are fulfilled by virtue of paragraph 1 of Article 15 or Article 16, the amount to be granted shall be calculated according to the proportion of the periods of coverage under the Employees' Pension Insurance to the sum of those periods of coverage and periods of coverage pursuant to the Austrian legislation.

However, when the sum of the periods of coverage exceeds that specified period, the sum of the periods of coverage shall be regarded as equal to that specified period.

4. With regard to the Additional Pension for Spouses which is included in the Old-age Employees' Pension and any other benefits that may be granted as a fixed sum in cases where the period of coverage under the Employees' Pension Insurance equals or exceeds the specified period determined by the Japanese legislation, if the requirements for receiving such benefits are fulfilled by virtue of paragraph 1 of Article 15, the amount to be granted shall be calculated according to the proportion of the periods of coverage under the Employees' Pension Insurance to that specified period.

PART IV
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Article 18
Administrative Collaboration

1. The competent authorities of the Contracting States shall:

(a) agree on the administrative measures necessary for the implementation of this Agreement;

(b) designate liaison agencies for the implementation of this Agreement; and

(c) communicate to each other, as soon as possible, all information about changes to their respective legislation insofar as those changes affect the implementation of this Agreement.

2. The competent authorities and competent institutions of the Contracting States, within the scope of their respective authorities, shall provide any assistance necessary for the implementation of this Agreement. This assistance shall be provided free of charge.

Article 19
Communication

1. In implementing this Agreement, the competent authorities and competent institutions of the two Contracting States may communicate directly in Japanese for Japan and in German for Austria with each other and with any concerned person including his or her representatives wherever the person may reside.

2. In implementing this Agreement, applications or any other documents may not be rejected by the Japanese competent authorities and competent institutions for the reason that they are written in one of the official languages of Austria nor by the Austrian competent authorities and competent institutions for the reason that they are written in Japanese.