Article 20
Charges or Fees and Legalization

1. Insofar as the legislation and other relevant laws and regulations of one Contracting State contain provisions on an exemption or reduction of administrative charges or consular fees for documents to be submitted under the legislation of that Contracting State, those provisions shall also apply to documents to be submitted in the application of this Agreement and the legislation of the other Contracting State.

2. Documents which are presented for the purpose of this Agreement and the legislation of a Contracting State shall not require legalization or any other similar formality by diplomatic or consular authorities.

Article 21
Applications, Appeals and Declarations

1. When a written application for benefits, an appeal or any other declaration under the legislation of one 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 one 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 22
Payment of Benefits

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

Article 23
Data Protection

1. The competent authorities or competent institutions of each Contracting State shall transmit, in accordance with the laws and regulations, personal data collected under its legislation to the competent authorities or competent institutions of the other Contracting State insofar as they are necessary for the implementation of this Agreement.

2. The competent authorities or competent institutions of each Contracting State may, upon the request of the competent authorities or competent institutions of the other Contracting State, transmit, in accordance with the laws and regulations, personal data collected under its legislation to the competent authorities or competent institutions of the other Contracting State insofar as they are necessary for the implementation of the legislation of that other Contracting State.

3. With regard to transmission in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article, personal data shall be protected in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Contracting States and the following provisions:

(a) The transmitted personal data shall be used by the receiving competent authorities or competent institutions only for the purpose of the implementation of this Agreement, unless use for other purposes is mandatory under the laws and regulations of the receiving State for such specific purposes as the interests protected by criminal law and taxation;