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**AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES,

hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

RESOLVED to co-operate in the field of social security,

HAVE DECIDED to conclude an agreement for this purpose, and

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

PART I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE I

Definitions

1. For the purposes of this Agreement:

“benefit” means, as regards a Party, any cash benefit, pension or allowance for which provision is made in the legislation of that Party and includes any supplements or increases applicable to such a cash benefit, pension or allowance; however, for the purposes of Articles VIII, IX and X, “benefit” does not include a grant payable under the legislation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines;

“competent authority” means, as regards Canada, the Minister or Ministers responsible for the application of the legislation of Canada; and, as regards Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the Minister responsible for the subject of National Insurance;

“competent institution” means, as regards Canada, the competent authority; and, as regards Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the National Insurance Board;

“creditable period” means, as regards a Party, a period of contributions, whether paid or credited, or a period of residence used to acquire the right to a benefit under the legislation of that Party; as regards Canada, it also means a period during which a disability pension is payable under the *Canada Pension Plan*;

“legislation” means, as regards a Party, the laws and regulations specified in Article II(1) with respect to that Party.

2. Any term not defined in this Article has the meaning assigned to it in the applicable legislation.

ARTICLE II

Legislation to Which the Agreement Applies

1. This Agreement shall apply to the following legislation:
 - (a) with respect to Canada:
 - (i) the *Old Age Security Act* and the regulations made thereunder, and
 - (ii) the *Canada Pension Plan* and the regulations made thereunder;
 - (b) with respect to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:

the *National Insurance Act* (Chapter 229 of the Laws of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines [Revised Edition] 1990) and the regulations made thereunder, as they relate to:

 - (i) contributory age benefit,
 - (ii) invalidity benefit,
 - (iii) survivor's benefit, and
 - (iv) funeral grant.
2. With regard to Part II only, this Agreement shall apply to all aspects of the *National Insurance Act* of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the regulations made thereunder.
3. Subject to paragraph 4, this Agreement shall also apply to laws and regulations which amend, supplement, consolidate or supersede the legislation specified in paragraphs 1 and 2.
4. This Agreement shall further apply to laws and regulations which extend the legislation of a Party to new categories of beneficiaries or to new benefits unless an objection on the part of that Party has been communicated to the other Party not later than 3 months following the entry into force of such laws and regulations.

ARTICLE III

Persons to Whom the Agreement Applies

This Agreement shall apply to any person who is or has been subject to the legislation of Canada and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and to the dependants and survivors of such a person within the meaning of the applicable legislation of either Party.

ARTICLE IV

Equality of Treatment

Any person who is or has been subject to the legislation of a Party and the dependants and survivors of such a person, shall be subject to the obligations of the legislation of the other Party and shall be eligible for the benefits of that legislation under the same conditions as citizens of the latter Party.

ARTICLE V

Export of Benefits

1. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, benefits payable under the legislation of a Party to any person described in Article III, including benefits acquired by virtue of this Agreement, shall not be subject to any reduction, modification, suspension, cancellation or confiscation by reason only of the fact that the person resides in the territory of the other Party, and they shall be paid in the territory of the other Party.
2. Benefits payable under this Agreement to a person who is or who has been subject to the legislation of both Parties, or to the dependant or survivors of such a person, shall be payable in the territory of a third State.