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## [TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

**CONVENTION<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM  
AND THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG CON-  
CERNING VARIOUS PENSION INSURANCE PROVI-  
SIONS FOR FRONTIER WORKERS**

His Majesty the King of the Belgians and His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Luxembourg,

Desiring to take into account the special situation of frontier workers and their beneficiaries with regard to the pension scheme,

Have decided to conclude a convention and have for that purpose appointed as their plenipotentiaries:

His Majesty the King of the Belgians: His Excellency Mr. R. Van Elslande, Minister for Foreign Affairs and His Excellency Mr. F. Van Acker, Minister of Social Welfare;

His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Luxembourg: His Excellency Mr. M. Fischbach, Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg,

Who, having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed on the following provisions:

*Article 1.* For the purposes of this Convention the terms “frontier worker”, “stateless person”, “refugee” and “periods of insurance” shall have the meaning assigned to them in article 1 of (EEC) regulation No. 1408/71 of the Council, of 14 June 1971, concerning the application of social security schemes to wage earners and their families who change their residence within the Community.

*Article 2.* This Convention shall cover persons of Belgian or Luxembourg nationality and stateless persons and refugees residing in the territory of the Kingdom of Belgium who are or have been employed as frontier workers in the territory of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

*Article 3.* The persons referred to in article 2 of this Convention shall be entitled, upon request, to have war periods for which they have been awarded the status of Belgian in recognition of their services computed in the Luxembourg pension schemes according to the conditions and provisions—including those relating to financing—established by Luxembourg legislation.

*Article 4.* For the fulfilment of the requirements concerning residence in

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 18 July 1974 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification which took place at Luxembourg, with retroactive effect from 1 October 1972 in so far as article 4 is concerned, in accordance with article 7.

the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg relating to the granting of the basic portion in Luxembourg pensions, residence in Belgium shall be equated with residence in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg provided that, at the time when the pension entitlement begins, an insurance period of at least five years has been completed in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, save in those cases where Luxembourg legislation does not require any insurance period.

*Article 5.* The provisions of article 3 of this Convention shall apply, as from the first day of the month following its entry into force, to beneficiaries of an old-age pension and to beneficiaries of disability or survivor's benefits.

To that end, beneficiaries shall be required to submit a request within a period of two years from the entry into force of this Convention. If the request is submitted later, benefits due pursuant to article 3 of this Convention shall not start to accrue until the month following submission of the request.

*Article 6.* The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties may, as appropriate, establish procedures for the application of this Convention in an administrative arrangement.

*Article 7.* This Convention shall be ratified and the instruments of ratification shall be exchanged in Luxembourg as soon as possible.

It shall enter into force on the day of the exchange of the instruments of ratification. Article 4 shall be retroactive to 1 October 1972.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective plenipotentiaries have signed this Convention and have thereto affixed their seals.

DONE at Brussels, on 10 July 1973, in duplicate, in the French language.

For the Kingdom  
of Belgium:

[R.VAN ELSLANDE]

[F. VAN ACKER]

For the Grand Duchy  
of Luxembourg:

[M. FISCHBACH]