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ISSA/IOPS/OECD Partnership Agreement for Information Gathering on Complementary and Private Pensions

Dear Madam,
Dear Sir,

The International Social Security Association (ISSA), the International Organisation of Pension Supervisors (IOPS) and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) are pleased to announce that they have recently signed a new partnership agreement.

The main aim of the agreement is to continue jointly collecting and updating information on the regulation and practice concerning complementary and private pensions throughout the world. This information will be published in the ISSA/IOPS/OECD Complementary and Private Pensions database through the ISSA information service *Social Security Worldwide* (www.issa.int/ssw). ISSA members may access SSW directly with the user names and passwords distributed recently. Members of IOPS and the OECD Working Party on Private Pensions may access the Complementary and Private Pensions database through a direct link in the IOPS web site (www.iopsweb.org) to *Social Security Worldwide*. The agreement also provides a framework for future possible cooperation on other areas related to complementary and private pensions.

Under the previous agreement between ISSA and INPRS, the Complementary and Private Pensions database was developed and the book *Complementary & Private Pension Throughout the World 2003*, containing the profiles of the situation concerning complementary and private pensions in 50 countries, was published. The new agreement provides that the country profiles will in future be updated every two years according to region, starting from January 2005 with Africa, July 2005 Americas, January 2006 Europe, and July 2006 Asia and Pacific. It is intended that the profiles will be published in book form as well as electronically through *Social Security Worldwide*.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your continued assistance regarding the ISSA/IOPS/OECD Complementary and Private Pensions database. Should you have any questions about the database, please contact either the ISSA secretariat on tel. +41 22 799 7527 or the IOPS/OECD secretariat on tel. +33 1 45 24 96 61.

Yours sincerely,

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