

## GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

*Article I*

1. Each Member which ratifies this Convention undertakes to give complete effect to its provisions in the manner set out in Article VI in order to secure the right of all seafarers to decent employment.
2. Members shall cooperate with each other for the purpose of ensuring the effective implementation and enforcement of this Convention.

## DEFINITIONS AND SCOPE OF APPLICATION

*Article II*

1. For the purpose of this Convention and unless provided otherwise in particular provisions, the term:
  - (a) *competent authority* means the minister, government department or other authority having power to issue and enforce regulations, orders or other instructions having the force of law in respect of the subject matter of the provision concerned;
  - (b) *declaration of maritime labour compliance* means the declaration referred to in Regulation 5.1.3;
  - (c) *gross tonnage* means the gross tonnage calculated in accordance with the tonnage measurement regulations contained in Annex I to the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969, or any successor Convention; for ships covered by the tonnage measurement interim scheme adopted by the International Maritime Organization, the gross tonnage is that which is included in the REMARKS column of the International Tonnage Certificate (1969);
  - (d) *maritime labour certificate* means the certificate referred to in Regulation 5.1.3;
  - (e) *requirements of this Convention* refers to the requirements in these Articles and in the Regulations and Part A of the Code of this Convention;