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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
BROADCASTERS - IAB
NICARAGUA**

WHEREAS:

The civic protests of students and the general population of Nicaragua, which began almost a month ago as a result of the reforms to the Social Security System presented by the President of Nicaragua, Daniel Ortega, that still continue today, with a record of more than 60 murdered citizens, including the journalist Ángel Gahona.

CONSIDERING:

That during this period the Government, through the Telecommunications Regulatory Entity (TELCOR), in the initial days of the protest ordered the blocking of four television signals that are distributed in the country by subscription television systems, violating the principle of Freedom of Expression of the Media and the population. This situation has already been corrected, as a result of the claims carried out by the population and by international organizations such as IAB itself, among others.

That during the protests, several journalists and national and international communicators, who were covering the events, were assaulted and in some cases threatened by the National Police, showing them weapons in order to intimidate them, just for carrying out their work, like what happened with the journalistic team of the newspaper La Prensa, and in other cases, the police also stole and destroyed equipment and working materials.

That in the same context of violence, the journalist Ángel Gahona was murdered while performing the live coverage of the demonstrations.

That Radio Darío radio station, owned by broadcaster Aníbal Toruño, was burned during the protests in the City of León by criminal groups that support the government.

That the radio station Radio Camoapa 98.5 FM of broadcaster Juan Carlos Duarte, from the department of Boaco, received threats through the Social Networks from Sandinista supporters on May 10. The owner filed a complaint with the National Police.

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTING - IAB, MEETING IN BRASILIA, RESOLVES:

To strongly condemn all acts of violence and censorship perpetrated against journalists and media in Nicaragua, which occurred during the social protests against the government of President Daniel Ortega.

To require the authorities of the Republic of Nicaragua to guarantee the exercise of the Right to Freedom of Expression and Information by citizens, as established in the Political Constitution of Nicaragua and the American Convention on Human Rights, which Nicaragua subscribes .

To urge a prompt and effective investigation to identify and bring to justice those responsible for the murder of journalist Ángel Gahona and the other serious crimes and offenses reported.

Brasilia, May 15, 2018