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

**WHEREAS:**

The murder of Mexican journalist and broadcaster, Juan Carlos Huerta, occurred today, May 15, in Villahermosa, Tabasco.

**CONSIDERING:**

The escalation of violence and the reiteration of very serious crimes against journalists and communicators in Mexico, which has taken four lives so far this 2018, and are still unpunished.

That murder and other acts of violence and intimidation against journalists have become a common practice in the region, seeking to silence those who investigate and keep societies informed.

That Article 9 of the Declaration of Principles on Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the OAS states that: "The murder, kidnapping, intimidation of and/or threats to social communicators, as well as the material destruction of communications media violate the fundamental rights of individuals and strongly restrict freedom of expression. It is the duty of the state to prevent and investigate such occurrences, to punish their perpetrators and to ensure that victims receive due compensation."

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

To express its strongest condemnation and rejection in light of this very grave act that threatens Freedom of Expression and the Right to Information.

To express their solidarity and heartfelt condolences to the victim's family and to fellow journalists and radio broadcasters in Mexico.

To urge the authorities to carry out a prompt and effective investigation to identify those responsible and bring them to justice.

Brasilia, May 15, 2018