

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTING**

FM CHIP

WHEREAS:

Radio is the most used free, over-the-air media to receive information in case of emergencies and disasters, both natural and man-made, allowing to save lives due to its extended territorial coverage and the redundancy that the amount and diversity of radio stations covering the same service area represent, setting up the ideal vehicle for delivering critical information that the public needs in emergency or disaster situations.

The recent experience on catastrophes and natural disasters in countries of the region has made evident the collapse of telephone communication systems, internet and messaging.

CONSIDERING:

That the introduction of new technologies and the changes in the habits of the audiences have spread the use of mobile devices to listen to radio via FM reception chips these equipments have.

That cell phone companies have been urging equipment manufacturers to block this function on some devices, causing that part of the radio audience has to use their data plans to access the contents of radio stations.

That free FM radio reception through mobile devices is a technology available in most cell phones and therefore does not involve additional costs neither for the equipment manufacturers, nor for mobile phone carriers.

That selective blocking of this feature on some equipments eliminates users' access to information that the media broadcasts in case of emergencies or disasters, particularly in seismic countries, with volcanic or tsunami risk, among others, circumstances under which voice services and mobile messaging get saturated and collapse.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTING – IAB –
MEETING IN LIMA, PERU, ON MAY 12, 2016 RESOLVES:**

To urge the States to adopt the necessary legal and administrative measures leading to prevent blockage of the FM radio feature on mobile devices, facilitating public access to real-time information that this free, over-the-air media provides, specially considering the fundamental role played by radio in emergencies and disasters of various kinds.

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To request the Governments and civil defense organizations to consider that broadcasting is irreplaceable in terms of coverage, redundancy, infrastructure and technology available, as a fundamental support in the implementation of early warning systems to save lives and guide the people.

Lima, May 12, 2016.