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

GUATEMALA

WHEREAS:

A bill that would regulate the activity of Community Radio is being discussed in Guatemala.

CONSIDERING:

That the project has been discussed and currently approved in the plenary of the Congress of Guatemala at second reading.

That the proposed law has several flaws, inconsistencies, omissions and ambiguous wording.

That a technical committee created for analysis upon the request of the Communications Commission of the Congress, recommended not to continue with its approval.

That the analysis made by the Chamber of Broadcasting of Guatemala - CRG, and, likewise, by the Technical Committee created and suggested by members of the Congress, agreed not to pass this bill.

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

To urge the honorable members of the Congress of Guatemala to the effect that any legislation in this area responds to and respects the principle of legality and non harmful interference and to seek ways within the Telecommunications Act and the rules of the Union International Telecommunication - ITU - to make way for the operation of true stations that work on behalf of and for communities.

Lima, May 12, 2016