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

**VENEZUELA**

**CONSIDERING:**

The use by the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela of constant threats and verbal, physical and moral abuse and countless processes of all nature (administrative, civil, criminal and judicial) against journalists, editors and Social Media as mechanisms of pressure and systematic pattern of direct and indirect violations against Freedom of Expression and Press in Venezuela.

That the Government of Venezuela and its Supreme Court, in violation of Articles 23 and 31 of the Venezuelan Constitution, have refused to comply with the Decisions of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, particularly the one ordering to restore the signal and assets of Radio Caracas Television (RCTV).

That the Government of Venezuela has a state monopoly on the purchase and sale of newsprint and refuses to supply the independent press with it, which has caused the closure of the newspaper El Carabobeño and has placed other Venezuelan newspapers in danger of closing.

That the Venezuelan government intensifies the criminalization of journalism keeping different editors and journalists under legal prosecution and, specially, legal actions have been ordered against David Natera Febres, editor of the independent newspaper Correo del Caroni.

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

To demand from the Venezuelan government to respect Freedom of Expression and Opinion of all its citizens, journalists and media without discrimination.

To demand from the Venezuelan government to stop its strategy of closing independent media and to allow access to newsprint to all print media.

To demand from the Venezuelan government compliance with the ruling of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights of the OAS ordering the return of the signal and transmission equipment of Radio Caracas Television (RCTV).

To report these extremely serious facts to the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of the OAS, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the OAS, the Secretariat of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression of the UN and the competent authority of MERCOSUR and the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the countries of the region, asking to promote all measures according to the International Law for the protection of Freedom of Expression and other Human Rights in Venezuela.

Lima, May 12, 2016