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**RESOLUTION OF IAB BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
VIOLENCE AGAINST JOURNALISTS AND MEDIA**

**WHEREAS:**

That in recent times there is an alarming increase in violence and attacks against journalists and media in the region.

**CONSIDERING:**

That journalists and media play a fundamental role in democratic societies, facilitating the distribution of ideas, information and opinions to citizens.

That through their activity, they carry out a research and public denunciation work, which often makes them the target of drug dealers and other violent groups, as well as occasionally being subjected to undue pressure and harassment by some governments.

That multiple unpunished murders of journalists continue to happen in the region during this year, along with abductions and arbitrary detentions, as well as other attacks of various kinds against journalists and media.

That Principle 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,  
MEETING IN MEXICO, RESOLVES:**

To condemn and reject all acts of violence against journalists and media, which create a framework of insecurity that severely restricts Freedom of Expression and the Right to Information.

To demand that States implement effective protection mechanisms, which act as real deterrents to these serious acts that undermine people's fundamental rights and democracy.

Mexico City, May 25, 2017