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**RESOLUTION OF IAB BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FM CHIP**

WHEREAS:

To this date, mobile telephone equipments being offered in Latin American countries have the technical capacity to receive broadcast signals in FM directly from the air, which is prevented by the deliberate and intentional blocking of the receiver (FM chip) of those mobile equipments by importers and mobile operators.

CONSIDERING:

That blocking the chip prevents the users of the mobile equipments to receive the signals of broadcasting in FM through these equipments freely and costless, without the need to use their data plan.

That mobile telephone equipments have the technical capacity to receive the broadcast signals in FM; so the fact that the operators and importers of such equipment turn the chip off is an act that goes against competition, since the alternative that the telecommunications companies offer to users is that they access broadcast by applications or using their Data plan;

That broadcasting is an activity of public interest and therefore, all citizens have the right to access the broadcast signals, freely and costless;

Also, since broadcasting is the most solid and consistent signal in disaster situations, turning off the chip is an attack on the security of the population, since it deprives them of being informed in emergency situations;

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That it is important that the regulations and agreements already issued in Mexico and the United States, respectively, which prevent the operating companies and importers from turning off the FM chip, are replicated in the other countries of the region, since they are based on them technical, legal, competition and security criteria.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTING, MEETING IN MEXICO, RESOLVES:

To urge the competent authorities in the countries represented in IAB to consider the agreements and rules approved in the United States and Mexico respectively; in order to apply similar criteria, so that manufacturers, operators and importers of cellular telephone equipment are banned from blocking the function of the receiver (FM chip) for the reception of FM broadcast signals directly from the air; thus allowing the users of such equipment, to receive the broadcast signals freely and costless.

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