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**RESOLUTION OF THE 46 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTING – IAB**

VIOLENCE AGAINST JOURNALISTS

WHEREAS:

The increase in the murders and attacks against journalists and media in countries of the region, which represents one of the greatest threats to the exercise of Freedom of Expression and the free flow of ideas, information and opinions.

CONSIDERING:

That Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights enshrines the right of every individual to freedom of opinion and expression, while Article 13 of the Pact of San José establishes that every person has the right to freedom of thought and expression.

That media and journalists carry out research and public denunciations work that is fundamental within democratic societies.

That the actions seeking to intimidate or silence the media and journalists, carried out by drug traffickers and different violent groups on the one hand and by officials of some governments of the region on the other, constitute a serious violation of the International Treaties whose consequences affect the whole society, as they limit access to information and restrict the exercise of journalistic research.

That at the same time, multiple and unpunished murders of journalists are still taking place in addition to kidnappings and arbitrary detentions, as well as other attacks against communicators and media.

THE 46TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTING - IAB - MEETING IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, RESOLVES:

To reiterate the deepest condemn to any kind of coercion, intimidation and aggression against journalists and the media, and to request from the States urgent measures to eradicate this type of criminal behavior.

To fight against the impunity of these serious events, demanding of the States due investigation of the facts and the punishment of those responsible for the crimes.

Buenos Aires, November 3, 2017.