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RESOLUTION OF THE IAB 44 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ARGENTINA

WHEREAS:

The resolution adopted by the Board of the Federal Authority for Audiovisual Communication Services – AFSCA – on October 8, 2014, which decided to derogate the voluntary adaptation plan of Grupo Clarin presented under the “Media Law” and to start the adaptation process of the company ex officio.

CONSIDERING:

That the right to legal defense of Grupo Clarin was violated by failing to grant view of the objections raised by AFSCA and a number of serious procedural irregularities were committed by this organism, all of which sets a new failure to comply with the ruling of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation and the selective and discriminatory application of existing legislation to persecute media critical of the government.

THE 44 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTING - IAB - MEETING IN PANAMA CITY, RESOLVES:

To express its deep concern and strong rejection to the serious irregularities aimed at seizing licenses and assets of a private media.

To call for national authorities, in the context of the adaptation process of Grupo Clarin, to respect constitutional guarantees and due process on an equal basis with other licensees.

To request the different levels of the judiciary to keep a watchful eye on the process of adaptation to ensure strict compliance with the requirements timely demanded by the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation.

To report arbitrary government deployed during the described process and the content of this resolution to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the OAS, the European Commission of Human Rights, the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and the UN Special Rapporteur Freedom of Expression of the OAS, to take urgent measures in the area of their competences.

Panama City, October 11, 2014.