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## RESOLUTION OF THE IAB 44 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### VENEZUELA

#### WHEREAS:

The serious situation of Democracy and Freedom of Expression in Venezuela due, among other factors, to the systematic and constant violation of Human Rights and the Guarantees established in the Venezuelan Constitution.

#### CONSIDERING:

The multiple reports and declarations of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the OAS on the Situation of Human Rights in Venezuela.

That the Venezuelan government continues to move forward with its communications policy called "Communicational Hegemony" by using direct and indirect mechanisms of violation of Freedom of Expression, including the non-renewal of operating permits, closure of broadcast stations and control over the import of newsprint, in flagrant violation of Article 13 of the American Convention on Human Rights and Article 57 of the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela itself.

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

To urge the International Community to demand the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to respect the Right to Freedom of Expression and other constitutional guarantees of media, journalists and Venezuelan society in general and start a sincere dialogue process with all social sectors of the opposition in order to solve the serious problems the country is currently facing.

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