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

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WHEREAS:

The enforcement of the Organic Law of Communications has represented a serious limitation to the exercise of Freedom of Expression in Ecuador.

CONSIDERING:

That the Organic Law of Communications was used by the Government of Rafael Correa to intimidate journalists and the media.

That considering broadcasting as a public service is contrary to the doctrine of Freedom of Expression, as it restricts the activity of broadcasting media, facilitating interference by the State on the contents that they broadcast.

That during the period of validity of the aforementioned law, wide enforcement faculties have been exercised repeatedly and abusively over the media, in a framework of arbitrariness and without adequate judicial controls.

That with the installation of the new Government by President Lenin Moreno, there is an opportunity to promote changes to the law.

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

To urge the Government of Ecuador to make amendments on the Organic Communications Law, which will guarantee the exercise of Freedom of Expression in that country and the operation of private and independent media.

Buenos Aires, November 3, 2017.