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## RESOLUTION OF THE IAB 45th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### ITU WORLD CONFERENCE

#### WHEREAS:

In recent years, public authorities from different countries have allocated several frequency bands to telecommunication services to the detriment of broadcasting services.

#### CONSIDERING:

That the use of frequency bands by broadcasting services is essential for the population to receive free, good quality information and entertainment;

That the International Telecommunication Union - ITU, in its radiocommunication conferences, has approved agreements that lead to the reallocation of frequency bands previously used by broadcasting, which are starting to be used by telecommunications services, especially mobile phones.

That the vast majority of Latin American countries have faced difficulties with the reallocation of the so called 700MHz band (698-806 MHz), causing troubles for broadcasting services, to the detriment of the general population because in many locations they may be deprived of the reception of free, over-the-air broadcasting services, where those bands start to be used by paid telecommunications services;

That in various countries is under discussion the possibility of a new allocation of frequency band known as "Second Digital Dividend," which would be a new frequency assignment in UHF (470-694 / 698 MHz) for telecommunications services;

The band 470-698 MHz is the only harmonized band that remains for free, over-the-air television.

That this new allocation is being proposed to be shared services by digital television and broad band services, although it is not technically feasible;

That this matter is being studied by CITELE and ITU, and shall be decided at the World Radiocommunication Conference in November 2015;

That there is controversy and conflicting positions among the countries of the administrative regions covered by ITU, where some administrations oppose to this new reallocation of frequencies, and others have a favorable position, within the latter, we can mention the countries from North America;

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That the World Broadcasting Unions (WBU), an organization that brings together: IAB - International Association of Broadcasting; ABU - Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union; ASBU - Arab States Broadcasting Union; AUB - African Union of Broadcasting; CBU - Caribbean Broadcasting Union; EBU - European Broadcasting Union; NABA - North American Broadcasters Association and OTI - Organización de Televisión Iberoamericana, have already made a joint statement against this new proposal for reallocation of frequencies, known as "Second Digital Dividend"

That the XXVI Meeting of CITEL / CPC-II, organ of the OAS in regional preparations for the World Radiocommunication Conference, did not reach a position on the proposed allocation for the 470-698 MHz range.

**THE 45<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTING - IAB - MEETING IN SAN SALVADOR, REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR, RESOLVES:**

To urge the authorities of AIR / IAB member countries to preserve the spectrum allocated to broadcasting and to continue their efforts for the allocation of new bands that will be needed for the expansion and development of broadcasting services.

To call for the authorities of the countries of the three Americas to speak out against the changes to the current allocation of the band 470-698 MHz (Table of Frequency Bands Allocations, see Article 5, Radiocommunication Regulations of the ITU ) in the ITU World Conference to be held in Geneva from November 2 to 27, 2015.

To request that the frequency previously allotted to mobile communications is revised to ensure the efficient use of the bandwidth

San Salvador, October 14, 2015.