

Doc.33/2015

**RESOLUTION OF THE IAB 45 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
WIPO**

WHEREAS:

The Rome Convention of 1961 recognized the right of Broadcasters to authorize or prohibit the retransmission of their broadcasts, the fixation of their broadcasts, the reproduction of their broadcasts and communication to the public, carried out without their consent.

CONSIDERING:

That this international instrument, which was adopted contemplating the realities of that time, sets a protection mechanism for radio and television stations, to authorize or prohibit the wireless retransmission of their signals by another broadcasting organization.

That the development of new technologies and the emergence of other communication platforms have turned obsolete the protection mechanisms established in the Treaty.

That radio and television broadcasts are now taken up in many cases by subscription services, by Internet sites and other electronic platforms, without the consent of the broadcasting organization and without the Rome Convention currently resulting a useful tool for protection in those cases.

That broadcasters, authentic creators of content, require a modern legal protection without delay, which allows to effectively fight against unauthorized use of their signals.

That during the past 15 years the WIPO - SCCR Standing Committee on Copyright has been discussing the need to adopt a new treaty to update the protection mechanisms established by the Rome Convention.

That although it is true there are other issues on the agenda of the Committee, it is also true that the protection of broadcasters is notoriously the most advanced issue, considering all analysis and research carried out by WIPO since 1998.

That at the last meeting of the Standing Committee, the official delegations from many countries in various regions have decided on the need to move decisively towards the approval of this Agreement.

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

To urge the governments of the countries of the Americas to propose and support at the level of WIPO, the call for a Diplomatic Conference for the year 2017 to approve a new treaty that effectively protects the rights of Broadcasters.

San Salvador, October 14, 2015.