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**RESOLUTION OF THE IAB 45 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION**

WHEREAS:

The consolidation in some countries of Latin American of authoritarian and populist regimes that have degraded democracy, eliminating the separation and independence of the State powers and legislating in open violation of international treaties on Human Rights and Freedom of Expression.

CONSIDERING:

That the jurisdiction of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Human Rights Protection System has been ignored and disqualified by the States of Ecuador and Venezuela, the latter declaring itself in open disapproval.

That violations of the American Convention regarding Freedom of Expression, due process, freedom of association, among other violated rights, are standard practice by some governments, without the international community reacting with the energy and effectiveness that the situation deserves.

That the transgressive behaviour on Freedom of Expression and Fundamental Rights by countries such as Venezuela and Ecuador, with no effective consequences, encourages the exercise of similar practices in other countries in the region.

That media laws based on the philosophy of the laws of Venezuela and Ecuador have been issued in countries such as Argentina, Bolivia and Uruguay, representing, as a whole, a serious deterioration and distortion of international standards that were being built in the region.

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

To urge the international community to strongly condemn the setbacks to Freedom of Expression that occur in some countries in the region, and demand full compliance with international treaties and observance of the recommendations and rulings of the Inter-American System for the protection of rights humans.

San Salvador, October 14, 2015.