

IAB Press release on acts of discrimination and censorship against media in El Salvador

The International Association of Broadcasting - IAB - deplors and condemns acts of discrimination and censorship against media and journalists by the President of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal - TSE - of El Salvador.

Last Tuesday, March 10, TSE President, Julio Olivo, in the context of the final scrutiny of the Legislative and Municipal Elections in El Salvador, called a press conference where only some media were admitted, but excluding most Salvadoran journalists and international correspondents.

This situation, which restricts access to public information for all media, violates the right to freedom of expression and sets a dangerous precedent for the full operation of the Salvadoran democracy.

The Declaration of Principles on Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, OAS, establishes:

“Restrictions to the free circulation of ideas and opinions, as well as the arbitrary imposition of information and the imposition of obstacles to the free flow of information violate the right to freedom of expression.”

IAB, which represents more than 17,000 radio and television stations in the three Americas, calls on the Supreme Electoral Tribunal of El Salvador to respect the right of all media to access public information, so that it is of full knowledge to general public in line with the Constitution, the American Convention on Human Rights and the Inter-American Democratic Charter.

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The International Association of Broadcasting - IAB is an organization founded in 1946 that represents over 17.000 private radio and television stations and its goal is the defense of private and free broadcasting as well as the effectiveness of Freedom of Expression and Opinion.