



## **IAB SUPPORTS THE DECISION OF THE CHAMBER OF BROADCASTING OF GUATEMALA BEFORE DRAFT BILL IN PROCESS**

The International Association of Broadcasting – IAB supports the position of the Chamber of Broadcasting of Guatemala – CRG - stated in its press release last February 15, regarding the Draft Bill Number 4087.

As the CRG correctly points out, radios for use of the communities should not be mistaken with those operating illegally and without the proper authorization.

The clandestine stations do not have responsibility for the content of their broadcasts, they do not comply with the obligations imposed to duly authorized stations and they do not adjust to the proper technical parameters, causing anarchy of the spectrum.

The Draft Bill Number 4087 has several flaws, inconsistencies and omissions in technical specifications, which must be observed by the Republic of Guatemala as signatory to several International Treaties.

IAB urges the Honorable Congress of Guatemala to find a consensus solution, in strict compliance to the principle of legality and no harmful interference enshrined in the Convention of the International Telecommunication Union – ITU.

Likewise, IAB requests the Honorable Congress that this solution should comply with the principle of legal certainty, respecting the continuity of the current operators of the broadcasting service under the same conditions in which they obtained their licenses.

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