



IAB PRESS RELEASE ON PRIOR CENSORSHIP CAMPAIGN IN VENEZUELA

The International Association of Broadcasting (IAB) condemns and deplores the prior censorship campaign promoted by the Government of Venezuela against the television series "El Comandante", inspired by the life of former President Hugo Chavez.

The first chapter of the series was broadcast by RCN in Colombia on Monday, January 30 and by TNT signal for the rest of Latin America, except Venezuela, on Tuesday, January 31.

After getting to know the content of the television series, the National Commission of Telecommunications-Conatel started a censorship campaign against it, banning pay-TV companies from broadcasting it within the Venezuelan territory.

In addition, the population was asked to denounce the cable operators that broadcast the series and to report the "city, Cable Company, channel, time of transmission and screen shots."

Prior censorship is specifically banned by Article 13 of the American Convention on Human Rights and Article 57 of the Constitution of the Republic of Venezuela.

IAB rejects this new act of censorship from the Government of Venezuela, which violates Freedom of Expression of the television signal operators, whose programming is being interfered with and that of Venezuelan citizens, who are once again prevented from receiving their preferred contents.

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