

## **IAB PRESS RELEASE: GUATEMALA**

The International Association of Broadcasting (IAB) expresses its support to the Guatemalan Broadcasting Chamber (CRG), in light of the intention of some deputies of that country to promote a general legislation seeking to regulate the activity of the media.

It is not acceptable that, under an alleged intention to implement mechanisms for the protection of journalists, legislations that have as a hidden purpose to control their activity and that of the media, are being promoted.

Such experiences have resulted in severe restrictions on the exercise of Freedom of Expression, independent journalism and the free distribution of information and opinions in some countries of the region.

IAB stands in solidarity and expresses its full support to CRG, the Guatemalan journalists and the media, and urges the Honorable Members of the Congress of the Republic of Guatemala to reject such initiatives that undermine Democracy.

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