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IAB Press Release on censorship against Caracol Televisión in Venezuela

The International Association of Broadcasting - IAB - strongly rejects and condemns the blockade imposed by the Government of Venezuela on the Colombian signal Caracol Televisión, which was broadcast through subscription television services in that country, in a new act of Censorship that violates Freedom of Expression.

IAB once again warns about the practices promoted by the regime of Nicolás Maduro seeking to restrict the Venezuelans' exercise of their rights to free access to the information and election of the contents of their preference. In this regrettable context, the blockade of Caracol TV joins the list of over-the-air channels and television signals whose closure has been ordered, such as the cases of Radio Caracas Television, Todo Noticias of Argentina, El Tiempo and NTN of Colombia and CNN Spanish, among others.

This action becomes a new violation of the American Convention on Human Rights and international standards on Freedom of Expression, as well as the right of citizens to be freely informed.

IAB reiterates its call to the International Community to adopt all the measures covered by the International Conventions and Treaties in force to restore the effective enjoyment of Fundamental Human Rights in Venezuela and the absolute respect for them by the Venezuelan authorities.

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.