



IAB DECLARATION

CRIMINAL ATTACK AGAINST CHARLIE HEBDO MAGAZINE

The International Association of Broadcasting – IAB - repudiates and strongly condemns the criminal attack on the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo, which took place today in Paris.

This vicious act of violence, which killed 12 people and left more than 20 injured, represents an attack on Freedom of Expression and Democracy.

As stated in a joint declaration dated June 25, 2012 issued by the Special Rapporteurs on Freedom of Expression of the United Nations (UN), the Organization of American States (OAS), the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR): "Crimes against journalists and other media workers represent not only an attack on the victims but also affect Freedom of Expression in itself, given that they act as a deterrent for the free flow of ideas and information and they violate the rights of society."

IAB extends its support to the French people and the family of the murdered journalists and police officers.

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Founded in 1946, the International Association of Broadcasting (IAB) is an organization that represents more than 17,000 private radio and television stations. Its main objective is to defend private and free broadcasting and the effective exercise of freedom of thought and expression.