

RESOLUTION OF IAB 43rd. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

TREATY FOR THE PROTECTION OF BROADCASTERS' RELATED RIGHTS

WHEREAS:

The Draft Treaty for the Protection of Broadcasters' Related Rights that has been discussed during the meetings of the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights of the World Intellectual Property Organization - WIPO, in Geneva, Switzerland.

CONSIDERING:

1. That currently, broadcasters' rights are set by Rome Convention, adopted at the Diplomatic Conference held in that city in 1961.
2. That the Draft Treaty being discussed at WIPO , contains a basic framework for the recognition of broadcasters' exclusive rights, over the ownership of their broadcasts, considering all existing media, updating the protection bestowed to broadcasters by Rome Convention; which is essential for the sustainability of broadcasting, since broadcasters are now being harmed due to the use by third parties, without any authorization, of their broadcasts through technological means not provided for in the Rome Convention
3. That the aforementioned Draft Treaty has been discussed at WIPO for 15 years, and we are at a crucial moment for the adoption of a final Text and organize an upcoming Diplomatic Conference.

THE 43rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTING - IAB - MEETING IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, RESOLVES:

To declare the strong institutional support of IAB, to the approval of a Treaty for the Protection of Broadcasters' Related Rights by the Standing Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organization, considering that it is essential for the sustainability of broadcasting.

To urge the governments of the countries represented in this Assembly, to assume the importance of a new Treaty for the Protection of Broadcasters' Related Rights, instructing urgently their delegates to WIPO Standing Committee to adopt a Text of the Treaty during the next working meetings of the Committee in order to convene a Diplomatic Conference.

Rio de Janeiro, October 16, 2013 .