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RESOLUTION OF IAB 43RD. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

GUATEMALA - ELECTORAL LAW

WHEREAS:

It is intended to amend the Electoral and of Political Parties Law in Guatemala including, among other things, setting maximum transmission spaces of propaganda in the electronic media.

This amendment limits hiring free spaces in electronic media, and for that reason violations and sanctions are established.

That the planned amendment holds the electronic media to administrative control rates and, in turn, empowers the Electoral Court to examine and sanction its non-compliance.

That it creates a potential advertising supervisory body prior to the opening of the electoral process, without clearly specifying semiological criteria, which can lead to errors and sanctions.

CONSIDERING:

Such amendments are contrary to Freedom of Expression and other liberties established in the National Constitution and in other concurrent laws.

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

To urge the Congress of the Republic of Guatemala, its honorable members and the respective committees, to avoid possible damage to Freedom of Expression and of contracting, if the intended reforms to the Electoral and Political Parties Law in force were approved.

Rio de Janeiro , October 16, 2013