

## **RESOLUTION OF IAB 43<sup>RD</sup>. GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

### **VENEZUELA - RCTV**

#### **WHEREAS:**

May 27, 2013, marked the six years of the arbitrary closure of Radio Caracas Television - RCTV – decided by the government of Venezuela.

#### **CONSIDERING:**

That the cessation of the over-the-air signal of RCTV was an attack on freedom of expression that has been deplored worldwide.

That the shutting down of RCTV not only violated the right to free expression of its journalists, technicians, other employees and directors, Venezuelans were deprived of a free and over-the-air station where they could access to a source of information, ideas and opinions from all sectors of the country, which is essential for pluralism and the full exercise of democracy.

#### **THE 43<sup>RD</sup>. GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTING - IAB - MEETING IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, RESOLVES:**

1. To reiterate its strongest condemnation and rejection to the decision imposed by the cessation of RCTV, in an act of retaliation and persecution against an independent station that until the last moment of its transmission kept its informative and editorial behavior above pressures and harassment.
2. To claim the return of the over-the-air signal of RCTV television and the immediate return of their equipment and facilities that were illegally confiscated, in the same conditions as they were at the time of such confiscation.

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