

RESOLUTION OF IAB 43RD. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

VENEZUELA

WHEREAS:

The Government of Venezuela has created by a decree issued in the Official Gazette last October 7, an entity called Strategic Centre for the Security and Protection of the Homeland (CESPPA), whose function is to " centralize, prioritize and limit the disclosure of information, especially that information considered a threat to its stability. "

That said Decree provides that the CESPPA "shall request, organize, integrate and evaluate relevant information to the strategic level of the nation, associated with internal and external enemy activity, coming from all security and intelligence agencies of the State and other public and private entities, as required by the Political- military Direction of the Bolivarian Revolution."

CONSIDERING:

That this sensor entity is not established in the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, and its structure is absolutely hierarchical and dependent on the government.

That the President of the CESPPA will have the powers to censor, since its powers include " declaring any information of reserved nature, classified or limited disclosure, a fact or circumstance that it is aware in carrying out its functions" .

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

To repudiate and condemn this new attack against freedom of expression supported by the Government of Venezuela, which violates the right of citizens to receive information freely and without prior censorship.

Rio de Janeiro, October 16, 2013