



## **IAB PRESS RELEASE ON NEW COMMUNICATION LAW IN ECUADOR**

The approval of the Communications Law in Ecuador is another step to consolidate the hegemony that the government of that country has on the media, setting another instrument to silence any criticism or dissenting voice.

The government of Ecuador, by means of seizing television channels and press media, the proselytizer use of public stations and media, as well as the daily abuse of mandatory s radio and television network, has managed to form a powerful media conglomerate that respond to the orientation of single discourse that seeks to impose on society.

The enactment of the Communications Law will allow institutionalizing a hostile climate and threats against journalists and the media, which has characterized the government's behavior, establishing a control system and sanctions that seriously contravenes international standards and seeks to subjugate those journalists, communicators and independent media who continue to exercise their informative and complaint role, despite all the pressures widely verified and documented in recent years.

The International Association of Broadcasting shall perform all actions before international organizations to denounce this new and severe restrictive advance on Freedom of Expression in Ecuador.

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