

IAB DECLARATION

There is no Democracy without Freedom of Expression.

The International Association of Broadcasting -IAB- in view of the serious situation in Venezuela, deplores and condemns the actions of President Nicolas Maduro and his government to censor and pursue the media and national and foreign journalists.

The Declaration of Principles on Freedom of Expression of the OAS Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, states:

“Freedom of expression in all its forms and manifestations is a fundamental and inalienable right of all individuals. Additionally, it is an indispensable requirement for the very existence of a democratic society”

“Prior censorship, direct or indirect interference in or pressure exerted upon any expression, opinion or information transmitted through any means of oral, written, artistic, visual or electronic communication must be prohibited by law. Restrictions to the free circulation of ideas and opinions, as well as the arbitrary imposition of information and the imposition of obstacles to the free flow of information violate the right to freedom of expression”

IAB reiterates its strong claim to the Venezuelan government for the utmost respect to Free Expression, the Rule of Law and the full exercise of constitutional guarantees and International Agreements on Human Rights

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