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The International Association of Broadcasting – IAB – reiterates its deep concern at the situation that severely affects the Venezuelan people and states:

The capacity and freedom of human beings to express their thoughts and understand those of others are the basis of life in community and fundamental support to free and democratic societies.

As the Inter-American democratic Charter states:

“Transparency in government activities, probity, responsible public administration on the part of governments, respect for social rights, and freedom of expression and of the press are essential components of the exercise of democracy.”

“It is the right and responsibility of all citizens to participate in decisions relating to their own development. This is also a necessary condition for the full and effective exercise of democracy. Promoting and fostering diverse forms of participation strengthens democracy.”

IAB reiterates its claim to the Venezuelan government for the highest respect for free speech, the Rule of Law and full respect for the Constitutional Guarantees and International Agreements on Human Rights, at the same time calls upon all Public Authorities in Venezuela to initiate and provide the necessary conditions for a broad and transparent dialogue with all social sectors holding protest marches today in Venezuela, in pursuit of peaceful coexistence and the search for solutions to the problems that overwhelm the people in their country.

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