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### **IAB STATEMENT**

The International Association of Broadcasting - IAB - organization that represents over 17.000 private radio and television stations in the three Americas, Asia and Europe, in view of the hostility perpetrated against the stand of Radio Mitre of Argentina, in the International Book Fair of Buenos Aires, last Tuesday May 13,

#### **DECLARES:**

That the actions against Radio Mitre are part of a series of incidents of different origin and nature that have been occurring in Argentina against the media and journalists.

That it strongly condemns these acts of hostility and intolerance that are a concerning attack against the legitimate and free operation of the media in the Republic Argentina, and asks for their authorities to take the corresponding measures to avoid these deplorable situations.

That the reiterated intimidating expressions against journalists and the media from the highest hierarchies of the Argentinean government are very concerning; this implies a sign of intolerance in face of the necessary plurality of ideas, opinions and information that are essential for the full effectiveness of Free Expression in a democratic society.

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