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RESOLUTION OF THE 50th GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTING – IAB

BRASILIA, BRAZIL.

REPUBLIC OF CUBA

WHEREAS:

An authoritarian regime persists in the Republic of Cuba, denying its citizens political freedoms, ideological pluralism and the free exercise of freedom of expression and of the press.

CONSIDERING:

That the Cuban state maintains absolute control over the media, restricting access to independent information and persecuting those who express critical or contrary opinions.

That journalists, communicators, artists and human rights defenders continue to be subject to censorship, harassment, arbitrary detention, permanent surveillance and restrictions on their work, both inside and outside the country.

That the lack of freedom of expression and association prevents the full exercise of human rights and the existence of open public debate, which is essential to any democratic system.

That IAB reaffirms that freedom of expression and the free circulation of ideas are fundamental to democracy and human dignity. Their denial constitutes a direct violation of the principles enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Inter-American Democratic Charter.

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THE 50th GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTING – IAB, MEETING IN THE CITY OF BRASILIA, BRAZIL, RESOLVES:

1. To strongly condemn the lack of political freedoms and the systematic violation of freedom of expression and press freedom in Cuba.

2. To denounce before the international community the state's absolute control over the media and the ongoing persecution of journalists, communicators and citizens for exercising their right to freedom of expression.

3. To urge international organisations, particularly the Organisation of American States (OAS), the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), to constantly monitor the situation in Cuba and promote respect for fundamental freedoms effectively.

4. To express the solidarity of the IAB with Cuban journalists, media outlets and communicators, both inside and outside the island, who continue to courageously defend the right to information and freedom of thought.

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