

IMPORTANTE

**STATEMENT FROM THE AIR MANAGING COUNCIL
CASE OF RADIO CARACAS TELEVISION - RCTV -**

Hereby we attach the text of the Statement approved by the Air Managing Council on their meeting held in the last day in Caracas, Venezuela.

We would appreciate the support from the AIR Members and Directors in order to give the maximum diffusion to this Statement.

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MANAGING COUNCIL RESOLUTION

The International Radio Broadcasting Association - AIR – organization which represents more than 17.000 private radio and television stations from the three Americas, Europe and Asia, specially gathered in Caracas, has verified "in situ" the serious threat that is gravitating over the Freedom Speech in Venezuela if – as it has been announced by the Venezuelan Government – it is prevented that Radio Caracas Televisión – RCTV – continues broadcasting.

The International Radio Broadcasting Association has addressed the President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Mr. Hugo Chávez Frías, by letter, conveying to him the following considerations:

The administration of the radio-electric spectrum, which is a patrimony of all Human Kind, corresponds to the Venezuelan Government, but this should be done in compliance with the rights of the audiences to tune in to the stations of their preference, of the journalists to exercise the freedom to inform and comment without any limitations or hindrances and of the radio broadcasters to continue with their activities under conditions of stability and juridical security.

AIR trusts that the administrative and judicial institutions, both national and international, shall act independently and in compliance with the provisions granted in the juridical regulations of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela as well as the International Agreements currently in force.

The respect and protection of the Democratic Freedom and the environment of harmony and good will, are the conditions necessary to establish the grounds for a positive dialogue compatible with the rights and duty of the media to inform and exercise their freedom of opinion and criticism.

For the above, AIR has respectfully requested the President of Venezuela, to reconsider the announced measure, in the certainty that submitting to the principles and criteria of a superior order, internationally admitted and respected, his right to

adopt an administrative decision, shall favor the exercise of Freedom Speech in his country.

Montevideo, March 2007