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**THE FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTITUTE CONTRIBUTES TO THE
2015 BUDGET SAVING EFFORT**

- **The Plenary approved the Austerity and Budgetary Discipline Guidelines and a Setting to its budget to generate savings and contribute to prosecutor accountability measures of the Federal Executive**
- **Issues the Compensation for IFT Public Servants Handbook corresponding to 2015 fiscal year**
- **Name the Commissioner Adriana Labardini as representative of the Plenary before the Committee on Ethics and Inclusion, under the Institute's Workers Code of Conduct**
- **Delivers a favorable opinion on economic competition to eight processing permits to operate cultural radio stations in different cities across the country**

In order to contribute to the efforts of the Federal Government for budget savings, the Federal Telecommunications Institute (IFT) adopted the Austerity and Discipline Budget Guidelines; as well as a Fit to the Budget for the 2015 fiscal year.

The Approved Guidelines are consistent with the austerity provisions laid down in the Expenditure Budget of the Federation 2015, to reduce spending on administrative activities and support.

Similarly, setting the Institute's budget is consistent with the measures of fiscal responsibility implemented by the Federal Executive, resulting from the decrease income determined in the of the Federation Revenues for Fiscal Year 2015 Law, and the necessary contribution of autonomous entities ordered by the Federal Budget and Fiscal Responsibility Law.

The combination of both measures implies that an adjustment to the IFT budget will be made by an amount of 85 million 440 thousand pesos, equivalent to 4.3% of its budget amount approved for this year. It is important to note that this measure will not affect the goals of compliance of the substantive programs of the Institute.

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The approved guidelines include measures of austerity and discipline in spending on personal services and operating expenses. Some of them are:

- Generate savings in wages and salaries as well as spending in eventual placement and fees,
- Reduce spending on national committees and abroad on the amounts originally approved as well as the number of participants to the minimum required,
- Reduce spending on social communication, subject to the provisions of Article 17 of the 2015 Budget Expenditure of the Federation,
- Implement a sustainability program in the consumption of electricity, water, paper and office supplies, through actions to reduce, reuse and recycling, in order to promote culture of environmental responsibility and rational use of resources,
- Promote consolidated procurement of goods and services and seek to incorporate the consolidated contracts and framework agreements to carry out the agencies of the Federal Public Administration.

The Institute shall publish on its Transparency website no later than 30 calendar days completed the corresponding quarter, the progress, measures and actions taken and the amounts of savings obtained.

Moreover, the Plenary approved the Remuneration Manual for IFT public servants for 2015 fiscal year, which aims to establish the general provisions to regulate perceptions and performance of its staff, in accordance with their authorized budget and what is established on its Professional Service System. It shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the Federal Official Gazette (*Diario Oficial de la Federación*, DOF).

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At an extraordinary session held this day, the Plenary agreed to appoint Commissioner Adriana Labardini Inzunza as its representative on the Committee on Ethics and Inclusion under Workers Code of Conduct of the Federal Telecommunications Institute, charge that will have a one year duration.

It also decided to issue a favorable opinion on economic competition, processing eight permissions to install and operate cultural radio stations in the following cities:

Ciudad Victoria Durango, Durango; Chihuahua, Chihuahua; Huatulco, Oaxaca; Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila; Sabinas, Coahuila; Saltillo, Coahuila and Tulancingo Hidalgo. The applications were submitted in terms of the Federal Radio and Television Law to the Institute, which was repealed in 2014 when entered into force the current Federal Telecommunications and Broadcasting Law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the existing legal framework provides that all procedures should be processed under the law in force at the time of its inception. Thus, opinions emitted on economic competition matters constitute a requirement that applicants must obtain and not a decision about a possible grant.

The Federal Institute of Telecommunications (IFT) is the autonomous body entrusted with the regulation, promotion and supervision of the efficient performance of broadcasting and telecommunications sectors in Mexico, and also exercises, in exclusive manner, the authorities in matters of economic competition of such sectors pursuant to the Decree whereby several provisions of Articles 6, 7, 27, 28, 94 and 105 of the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States are amended and supplemented in telecommunications matters, published in the Federal Official Gazette on June 11th of 2013.

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