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## THE IFT PLENARY RESOLVES THE REQUESTS RECEIVED RELATED TO THE FREQUENCIES BID PROGRAM TO FORM TWO DIGITAL OPEN TELEVISION NETWORKS

- The representations made by various interested parties on the content of the program are addressed.
- Eight frequencies expected in the program are modified and aspects related to detrimental interferences and the reference coordinates in the coverage areas are defined.

On December the 20<sup>th</sup> of 2013, the Federal Telecommunications Institute (*Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones*, IFT) published in the Federal Official Gazette the "Bidding and Awarding Program of Frequencies of Digital Broadcast Television". Pursuant to the final paragraph of article 17-A of the Federal Radio and Television Law, any interested party may request, within the 30 (thirty) following calendar days to the publication of the Program, that additional or different frequencies and geographic coverage from the ones offered are put up to bid, term that concluded on January the 20<sup>th</sup> of 2014. This regulating body received eight petitions from the same number of participants and addressed the comments on the Program's content.

In the first extraordinary session of 2014 held today, the IFT Plenary resolved each one of the requests received. Also, it decided to modify eight frequencies expected in the Program and to add a note which clarifies questions related to manifestations on possible detrimental interferences and to the reference coordinates of the coverage zones in which the broadcast television service may be rendered.



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Also, the reference coordinates in four frequencies were adjusted and as a result of the continuous collaboration with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) of the United States of America, in terms of the applicable bilateral instruments, the coordination of four channels was concluded, which derived in the modification of four more anticipated frequencies in the Program.

With these actions, the Institute complied with what is established in article 17-A of the Federal Radio and Television Law, and offers certainty and clarity to the possible participants in the bidding process, as well as to the present broadcast television service providers.

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