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**IFT URGED THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE TO PROMOTE A CONSTITUTIONAL
CONTROVERSY SO THE SUPREME COURT CONFIRMS THE CONFERRED POWERS TO
THE REGULATORY BODY TO RESOLVE THE RETRANSMISSION OF TV BROADCAST
SIGNALS**

As reported promptly, the Federal Telecommunications Institute (*Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones*, IFT) was notified of the agreement issued by the thirty-second civil judge on February 10th which states that the IFT is not competent to order the free retransmission of certain television broadcast channels, this derived from a dispute between two companies regulated by the Institute.

IFT believes that the resolution of the judge interferes in the exercise of his constitutional powers, as it affects the jurisdiction of the Federation. The Political Constitution of the United Mexican States establishes that it corresponds to the IFT to resolve a dispute regarding retransmission of content, as well as it also grants the Institute the faculties to issue administrative regulations.

As IFT can only sue other bodies or powers of the Union, but not a body or local authority, as established by article 105 of the Constitution, the IFT requested that Federal Executive, in defense of the interests of the Federation, promote constitutional controversy by the Act of the Thirty-second Civil Judge, so that the Supreme Court of Justice of the nation confirms the full faculties that IFT has to resolve on the matter.

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IFT expresses its conviction to act always in the framework of the Rule of Law, as well as its appreciation and respect for the Judiciary, whose decisions have been fundamental to the telecommunications sector.

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The Federal Telecommunications Institute (IFT) is the independent body responsible for regulating, promoting and overseeing the efficient development in the broadcasting and telecommunications sectors in Mexico, as well as exclusively exercising the powers of economic competition in these sectors, in accordance with the Decree by which various provisions of articles 6, 7, 27, 28, 94 and 105 of the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States are reformed and added, in the field of telecommunications, published in the Federal Official Gazette on June 11th, 2013.

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