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**THE IFT PLENARY WILL RESOLVE IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS REGARDING THE
OVERALL GUIDELINES FOR THE RETRANSMISSION OF TELEVISION
BROADCAST SIGNALS IN RESTRICTED TELEVISION SYSTEMS**

The Federal Telecommunications Institute (*Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones*, IFT) was notified of two agreements by the Minister of the Supreme Court of Justice of the nation (*Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación*, SCJN), Olga María del Carmen Sánchez Cordero, who serves as Minister instructor in constitutional controversy presented by the Federal Executive, on the agreement of the thirty-second Civil Judge of the Federal District, who pointed out that the IFT is not competent to order free airing of certain broadcast television channels.

The first agreement issued by Minister Sánchez Cordero grants the referred constitutional controversy to be heard. The second agreement grants the suspension of the acts contested by the Federation to the constitutional controversy, subject to the following: *"The suspension granted with respect to the effects and consequences of acts which invalidity is claimed consists in maintaining things in their current state, that is, so that the thirty-second Civil Court of the Superior Court of Justice of the Federal District continues with the conduct of the trial with record 1653/2011 from the onset to total completion, even for issue of the corresponding final resolution; however, **it shall not make any statement or act that involves ignoring the faculties for telecommunications that the Federal Telecommunications Institute has under direct and express mandate of the Federal Constitution.**"*

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The agreement establishes that in accordance with criteria of the Supreme Court Plenary, the Minister instructor determined the foregoing *"in order to safeguard the material in the present case, as not granting the precautionary measure would allow that, through the contested findings, competition in telecommunications would be nugatory, which is directly granted by the Constitution of the United Mexican States to the Federal Telecommunications Institute"*.

These agreements allow IFT to freely exercise its powers in the telecommunications and broadcasting fields, therefore, an extraordinary session of the Plenary of this regulatory body will be convened to deliberate and, if necessary, resolve on the general guidelines draft for the retransmission of broadcast television channels in restricted television systems.

The IFT will remain respectful and attentive to the decisions of the Court.

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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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