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**THE IFT PLENARY RESOLVES 80 PROCEDURES SUBMITTED BY CONCESSIONAIRES
AND 'PERMISIONARIOS'¹ LICENSEES OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND
BROADCASTING SERVICES**

- With these agreements the IFT advances in pending industry procedures
- The IFT grants 7 permits to telecommunications distributors to establish and operate
- It approves 14 requests for the extension of public telecommunications networks concessions validity
- IFT resolves to grant 35 endorsements for the use, exploitation and operation of radio stations in various localities of the country

Today, the Plenary of the Federal Telecommunications Institute (*Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones*, IFT) approved, in extraordinary session, 80 matters relating to endorsements of radio and television stations, the issuance of various titles of concession and grants of extension of concessions of public telecommunications networks, among others.

It highlights the grants of seven permits to establish and operate telecommunications services distributors, which promotes the entry of new suppliers and with it a greater diversity in the supply of local fixed and mobile telephony services; national and international long distance and data transmission, as well as restricted television and audio.

The concessions are companies that resell the services referred to by the use of the capacity of a licensee's public telecommunications networks. On this occasion, the permissions granted by the plenary correspond to Comtelsat, S.A. de C.V.; Inaecom, S.A.P.I de C.V.; Kubo Cel. S.A.P.I. de C.V.; Matriz Murano, S.A. de C.V.; Sitm S.A. de C.V. and GBR TEL, S.A. de C.V.

¹ According to the Federal Official Gazette (DOF), any natural or legal person who has the corresponding permission to provide Broadcasting Services, this term is translated herein as "licensee".

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Regarding extensions of concession titles in telecommunications, 14 requests from concessionaires of public telecommunications networks in various localities of the country were adopted. IFT also approved an extension of the validity of title to a concessionaire who exploits emission and reception rights of signals of frequencies associated with foreign satellite systems operating in the national territory.

Also, the Plenary decided to grant two concession titles for the installation, operation and exploitation of public telecommunications networks in Mexico City and Chiapas, respectively, and agreed to grant a concession to exploit the rights of emission and reception of frequency bands signals associated with foreign satellite systems to cover and provide services in the national territory.

The broadcasting sector decided to grant 35 endorsements for the use, leveraging and exploitation of concession holders for radio stations in various locations in 19 states across the country, which guarantees the continuity of the service in the areas in which the concessionaires operate and significantly advances in the relief of the pending proceedings in this matter.

Likewise, the Plenary approved the endorsement of 19 permits to television stations, in favor of Governments of the States of Sonora, Michoacán and Nuevo León. The endorsement of these permits will facilitate the move of the stations to digital terrestrial television in the country.

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