

## **Section of International Law (Midyear Meeting 1982)**

BE IT RESOLVED, That, in examining the role of international organizations with respect to communications issues, the American Bar Association:

1. Believes, as provided in Article\_19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, that "everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers;"
2. Strongly recommends that the United States:
  - a) Steadfastly support principles of free speech and free press in international fora and support measures that would promote the individual's legitimate right to seek, receive and impart information and be informed about the world by reporters and journalists independent of government control; and
  - b) Oppose measures in international organizations which promote the licensing of journalists, restriction of news sources and censorship.
3. Endorses actions taken by the U.S. Government to support national and international programs which encourage training of journalists in professional techniques and upgrading of communications networks and equipment.